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Communities Still Making a Connection

Update: Tri-Town Councils on Aging

By Marilou Newell

While many businesses have closed or scaled back services, those providing essential support have gone into overdrive. One such group are the dedicated people who work or volunteer at the Tri-Town councils on aging. Never before have these agencies been pressed to do so much with so few people. Yet they carry on, ensuring that seniors in their communities have food, can get to a medical appointment as necessary or simply to say hello over the telephone inquiring into the health and wellbeing of the older residents in Marion, Rochester and Mattapoisett.

Rochester Council on Aging, however, told *The Wanderer* on April 3 that the previously offered home delivery of meals was being temporarily halted to allow the building to be disinfected and to give volunteers and staff time to be apart. The building will be closed for one month.

COA Director Cheryl Randall-Mach said, "We can't stay six feet apart in the kitchen and most of our volunteers are seniors." She said that if a senior household needed groceries, "We will shop for them and drop off the groceries." She also said, "We'll continue to provide transportation to healthy seniors who have medical appointments."

Randall-Mach said that Coastline Elderly Services had been advised of the situation and was prepared to provide Meals-on-Wheels to the impacted residents. "We miss everyone, miss the activity in the building… we can't wait to get back," she said.

In the meantime, staff and some volunteers will be working remotely from home, Randall-Mach stated. You can reach the Rochester COA at 508-763-8723 and visit www.townofrochestermass.com.

It was also announced as of April 3 on Rochester's website that there was one confirmed case of COVID-19 in the community. All three communities are reporting confirmed case numbers at this time.

Marion has melded its Recreation Department with the Council on Aging when it acquired the former Benjamin Cushing VFW building on Wareham Road. Former Board of Selectmen member and Director of Marion Recreation Department Jody Dickerson said, "When the town purchased the building from the veterans, it was the wish of the veterans that the building become a community center serving everyone."

The town invested in remodeling and refurbishing the building to be fully ADA compliant and gutted the former kitchen into a 21st century gleaming jewel. "We call ourselves a community center," Dickerson said. "We are in the center of so many things."

Before the advancement of COVID-19, the daily lunch program offered to Marion residents was a great hit with homecooked meals, linen table cloths, and the opportunity for people to visit and mingle socially. Now the staff and volunteers have had to expand the Meals-on-Wheels program, serving approximately 30 people in Marion in a manner that bridges the need to be physically separated yet humanly connected.

On the Cover: *On a recent Ned's Point evening, two young girls appear as silhouettes come to life while the setting sun floods the gloom in radiating shades of pink, yellow and orange. Low tide gave the evening travelers a footing on the rocky shore below the lighthouse. And, in the distance visited only by the human spirit, the hope of better days ahead was promised. Photo by Marilou Newell*

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"The Recreation Department staff delivers the meals," Dickerson stated. "They place the meal bag on a doorknob, knock on the door and step back." He said they wait to make sure someone answers the knock. Once contact has been established, the delivery driver inquires if all is well, then carries on to the next stop.

"All the drivers use gloves to handle the meals and door handles. They use the gloves once," Dickerson confirmed. If the knock is not responded, the Police Department is contacted for a wellness check.

The food provided to all the Tri-Town agencies comes from Coastline Elderly Services headquartered in New Bedford. A monthly menu can be viewed at www.coastlinenb.org/nutrition/menu/ or in the local COA newsletters.

Staying on the theme of food, the Town of Marion, under the guidance of Town Administrator Jay McGrail, started a local food bank. Marion Council on Aging Director Karen Gregory said that anyone can pick up a bag of groceries in the parking lot of the community center parking lot on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 1:00 and 3:00 pm.

Originally, the process followed up on a call to the COA office letting the staff know how many people are in the household with a delivery of the appropriate bag of groceries to the waiting vehicle. According to McGrail, that procedure was altered last week so that residents can step out of their vehicles and take a bag of groceries off a table outside the office.

Gregory said donations of non-perishable foods or cash may be dropped off at the Community Center or at the Marion Police Station. She said that there is an outdoor dropbox for envelopes at the center. She also added that the COA board was discussing making outbound calls to seniors to give them a bit more social connectedness during these days of isolation. To reach the Marion COA call 508-748-3570 and learn more about Meals-on-Wheels, groceries, or other programs. For more information, visit www.marionma.gov.

In Mattapoisett, outbound calling has begun.

Jackie Coucci, Mattapoisett Council on Aging director, said that volunteers have been given lists and contact numbers for senior residents registered with the COA. The caller inquires if the resident has everything they need, if

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services are required, if another call in the coming days is welcomed, and generally assuring the resident they are not alone.

While Mattapoisett's COA was not providing a meals program, Coastline was at Village Court located off Acushnet Road. The group meal program, as in all other locations, is closed for the time being while the Meals-on-Wheels program has stepped up. "In the past two weeks since we let people know they can call us for meal delivery, we've seen an additional 25 requests," Coucci said.

Keeping seniors physically active is another area where the COA's have provided programming. "We've got yoga online now," Coucci happily reported. "It not only keeps people moving, it keeps them connected," she explained. Other types of classes will be coming online soon, she said, such as Zumba. Those classes will be available for viewing through the town's website, www.mattapoisett.net. You may also visit the COA's Facebook page or call Mattapoisett's COA at 508-758-4100 for updated details.

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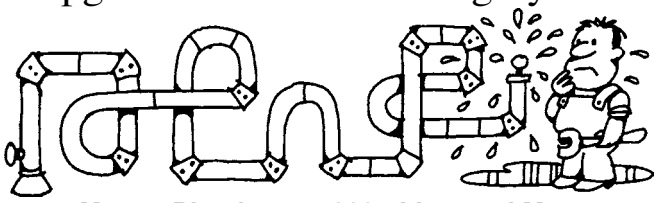

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Bindas Awaits Her Day on Court

By Mick Colageo

Brooklyn Bindas has serious potential as a tennis player and greater potential as a student, so she's taking the threat of cancellation of her second high school tennis season in stride.

"I've been hitting every now and then, hitting with my friends at public courts," she said. "Some Wareham friends and some kids from up north (travel here) because up north the courts are closed so my friends will come down..."

The Lakeville Athletic Club, where her coach Alex Howard works, is closed. But, while high school student-athletes still don't know if there will be a spring sports season, Howard's work with Bindas continues.

"When you're with a kid, you're all in. It's not just a job. At Lakeville, we're a small club and we treat everyone like family," said Howard, who worked with Bindas on Monday morning at the Center School courts in Mattapoisett.

"She plays like an 18-year-old. She's mature, just in terms of shot selection and court sense," said Howard, noting Bindas' unusual racquet-head speed for such a young player (she turned 14 on March 28). "If you time the ball correctly, the power is going to be there. Her timing is so impeccable on her ground strokes.

"She still has a learning curve and it's not always going to be the right decision, but she's very decisive in what she does."

In last week's layout of the high school spring sports season, if public schools return to class on May 4 as scheduled, the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) canceled the state individual singles and doubles tennis tournaments as part of a program meant to curb mingling for safety. There will be team competition and only for league and sectional championships.

That's a tough break for a player like Bindas, who had just turned 13 last year when she won four matches in the South individual singles tournament before eventual state finalist Alex Prudente of Notre Dame mowed her down, 6-0, 6-0, in the sectional semi-final.

Compared to her top varsity competition a year ago, Bindas is noticeably stronger and, at 5-foot-6, is now as tall as her father Scott. That also makes her an inch taller than world No. 1 Ash Barty and the same height as perennial contender Simona Halep. Not that she'll ever play against world elites, but the sport's height wave won't hold her back from reaching her own potential.

"She's lightning-fast... If you hit the ball to her... when you have her running, she does not let a ball bounce twice. That's self-motivation," said Howard. "She's got that free-spirit personality. She knows how to slice; she'll serve and volley."

A righty in life and on the court, Bindas wields a Wilson Pro Staff 97L racquet, a popular model among advanced players with fast swings.

"I always work on my serve because it's always going to be a big part of my game. It's the one thing you can control in your game," said Bindas.

"It's not a weapon yet, but it will be because the

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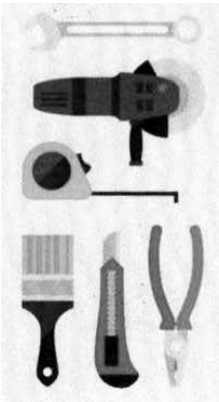
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mechanics are there. That's always the last thing to develop," said Howard, who also coaches Prudente and Hingham's Lexi Dwyer, two other state-title contenders in eastern Massachusetts.

Howard's experience coaching those players is only the tip of a career iceberg that tells him there are just certain developmental phases where boys tend to have more wrist snap than girls and can thereby generate more easy power on their serves. With a preoccupation on developing Bindas' overall abilities, Howard thinks her instincts for the game are rare so he's tailoring her practices toward developing those assets.

"If you watch a typical training session... it's 45 minutes of groundstrokes pattern, 10 minutes of crosscourt pattern, down-the-line point play, (but) not a lot of coming into net. I've been working on it with Brooklyn," he said.

The idea isn't to turn her into Martina Navratilova, but Howard likes Bindas' hunger to learn difficult shots that can come in handy at crucial points in a big match. "You might have to come into net at 4-all and deuce in the final set and it's a big point. Brooklyn,

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I feel like, is ahead of the game," he said.

The Rochester native comes from a family of student-athletes. Her older sisters Alex (Old Rochester Regional High School class of '2013) and Katelyn (ORR '2017) played multiple sports in high school.

"Alex likes working on serve plus one and return plus one with me," said Bindas, who also works with Raynham-based pro Fil Miguel. "They try to teach me how to set up points so I can get to the net."

Like most area children, Bindas grew up playing soccer and played one year of basketball in elementary school at St. Francis Xavier in Acushnet.

For a couple of years now she has only played tennis, a choice typically frowned upon at such an early age,

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but general concern that a child lacks a well-rounded life experience doesn't apply in her case.

As a 12-year-old in 2018, Bindas began attending Wareham High on school choice, splitting her time between attending seventh-grade classes and online classwork at home. She increased her attendance this school year, attending two half days and two full days in the fall semester before attending full time through the current semester until schools were closed on March 13.

Because of Bindas' background as a homeschooled student, the adjustment to doing her classwork at home has not been difficult.

"It's just a little bit weird not being able to talk to your teacher, but we're kind of used to doing a lot of work on our Chromebooks from some classes," she said. "English, we do all of our writing assignments online and we do all of our worksheets online."

As an elective, Bindas takes Mythology, watches documentaries, and does her history projects online.

Part of the attraction of Wareham High is the town's participation in the International Baccalaureate program, the brainchild of post-World War II Swiss educators looking to establish a suitable manner by which the well-traveled children of diplomats could qualify for acceptance to universities.

The organization has evolved and expanded to cover a wider range of age groups. Locally, it offers Wareham High students who qualify on academic merit to choose as high school juniors to take IB classes or enroll in the full, two-year program that shapes the student's entire curriculum for their final two years of high school.

The most obvious emphasis is on small-group and project-based learning and the absence of a traditional classroom lecture hall setting.

"I'm definitely going to do that," said Bindas, who at 14 will be too young to start the full IB program next fall. As an eighth-grader age-wise, she currently takes sophomore-level classes at Wareham High. The IB is a two-year commitment, but that will wait. Next year, Bindas will take Advanced Placement courses.

"I definitely want to go into pre-med," she said. "I've always wanted to be a (veterinary doctor) and a pediatrician. Now I just don't know because there are so many possibilities."

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Bindas has gotten accustomed to a world full of possibilities.

By the start of the month, the United States Tennis Association had not yet canceled the age 16 and 18 nationals in August. The late-June USTA sectional tournaments are still on, but Bindas is "pretty positive it's going to be canceled."

But there may yet be a high school team tennis season, and the camaraderie that accompanies that format has brought a new element of joy and pressure that Bindas embraced.

"She'll play a lower-level tournament that's not going to do anything for her ranking just so she can play with one of her friends, and I think that's great," said Howard.

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"We have a great time in our private (lessons), but she loves being part of group dynamics.

"I ask her, 'What do you know about this opponent?' and she never says, 'I'll beat her (by such and such a score).' She doesn't take anyone lightly, almost to a fault. You don't want to over-respect people either.'

Wareham lost only two seniors to 2019 graduation, Ariel Lemieux and Emily Glidden, and figures to give South Coast Conference champion Old Rochester Regional and traditional contender Apponequet another run for the league title.

If Bindas could hit balls with any player she wanted for an hour, she didn't hesitate an answer: "It has to be Coco Gauff."

The American sensation from Delray Beach, Florida, now 16, began challenging the top players in the world a year ago and is at the center of a wave of next-generation talents already storming the WTA Tour. Bindas realizes that she is among many young tennis players who would love to rally with the likes of Gauff, so her tennis perspective stays in synch with her academic outlook.

"She's so smart," said Howard. "If she stays on this path, she's going to be a top-notch (NCAA) D1 player. She has the fundamentals and the mindset. Who knows after that."

The positive experience of acceptance and the making of new friends on her high school team has developed an appetite in Bindas for college tennis assuming it fits her academic pursuits.

"I'd love that," she said.

Marion Joins Neighbors in Extending Property Tax Deadline

Marion Board of Selectmen

By Mick Colageo

The Marion Board of Selectmen has joined in with neighboring towns Rochester and Wareham in extending the property tax deadline from May 1 to June 1. Those who can pay their taxes in keeping with the May 1 deadline are asked to do so in order to spare the town any unnecessary financial strain.

"Unfortunately, on this tax bill, we have the (sewer) betterment fees," said Marion Board of Selectman Chairperson Randy Parker.

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Department of Public Works Director David Willett researched approximately 50 municipalities and presented a revised street-opening permit for the board's approval.

The purpose is to make contractors more accountable to the town. It has a bonding requirement, and documents and amounts have been discussed with insurance agents. At present, Marion has neither a bond requirement nor an insurance requirement.

Board of Selectmen member John Waterman said that, while the new permit proposal includes bonding, some of the procedures outlined are difficult to understand or buried deep in the document.

Parker was happy to see flowable fill addressed but was unable to find compaction rates. His main concern was for someone filling a sewer box. "This is great coverage if you're doing a $100,000 job, but if you're doing a $5,000 job, it's a little burdensome," he said.

"It's really the little contractor that I'm trying to get to here," said Willett, alluding to the many small projects and the town's policy to inspect them. "There's not enough time of the day to go out and inspect all those things."

It is hoped that more stringent accountability to meet requirements will lessen the load on the town. Willett said he is "more concerned with their personnel falling into a

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trench or getting hit by a car."

"This is what we're asking them to do - spend a little more time. You drive down the street and there's a thousand little dig-ups, and most of them are Eversource," said Willett, who established a blanket bond with the utility company. "Normally I don't like blanket bonds; I said $50,000 and they didn't blink an eyelash."

Willett compared Marion's revised permit as being similar to North Reading's "street-opening permit." The bond, he said, is typically two percent of the cost of the work. Marion issues approximately three dozen permits a year. Willett is asking all of the town's designers to put two-year warranties on all of their projects instead of the (customary) one year.

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"This isn't a big revenue-catching thing," said Willett, who considers the measure a "first step" in the pavement-management program.

The concerns of the Board of Selectmen varied.

"I'm a firm believer in inspecting work," said Clerk Norm Hills. "If there's something that works, let's just tell them to use it."

"We need to understand this process and minimize it for our smaller contractors," said Waterman.

"I'm trying not to create a place in Marion where we have one or two contractors," said Parker, citing the importance of simple regulations, an authentic bidding process and the avoidance of a monopoly.

McGrail said that, since the board is voting on April 21, he will obtain the relevant information regarding bond procedures. McGrail also said putting off a vote for two weeks will allow the town to get public comments on the matter. Residents can email McGrail at jmcgrail@marionma.gov.

Dr. Ed Hoffer, the vice chairperson of Marion's Board of Health and a practicing physician, attended the meeting to explain the closure of beach parking lots in Marion.

"You read the *(Boston) Globe* or *The New York Times* or whatever newspaper and you know we're heading into... the worst days coming," he told the meeting. "There are still no vaccinations, no proven treatments. We're trying very hard to limit the disease, and all we've got is masks, handwashing, and social distancing."

Hoffer found that people at the beach were not maintaining social distance. "You could set up 20 at a time for Silvershell (Beach), but we wanted to keep it down to people within walking distance."

Having seen a half dozen people walking at the beach since the closure of the parking lots, Hoffer was pleased. "We don't want to keep people away from Silvershell; we just don't want them packed so tightly," he said.

Hoffer and McGrail contributed to a public service announcement for the town.

Citing the guidance from the governor and the May 4 target date to reopen public facilities, McGrail said he would be working with Hoffer within a few weeks on how to get the beach back open under some hours or schedule.

Marion secured a $5.765 million bond for lagoon work, wastewater treatment plant and other projects including the

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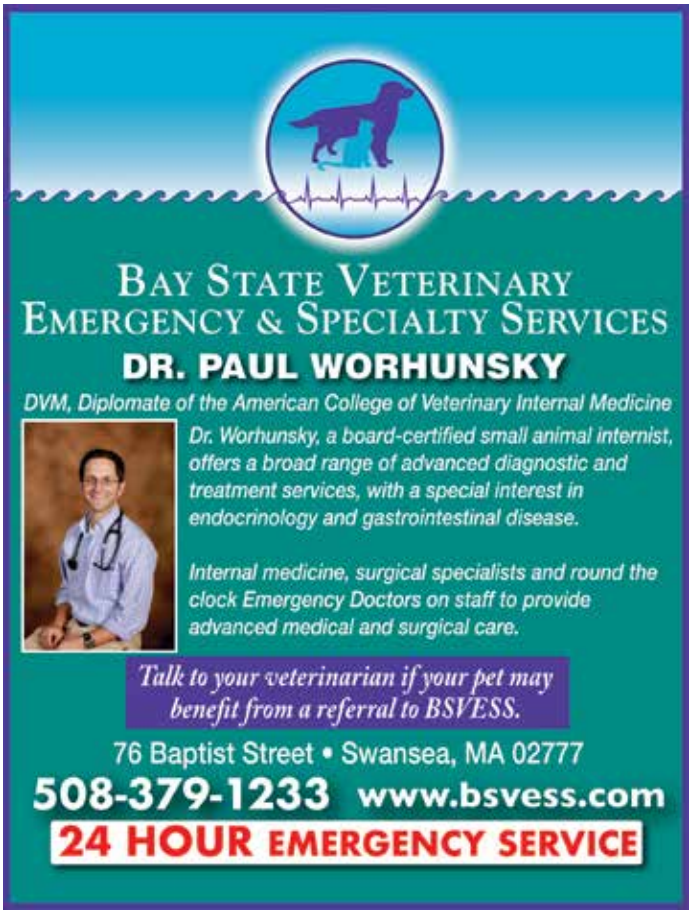

Mill Street water main.

"We did good on this one," said Mooney, reporting a 1.4 percent long-term loan.

In other business, the Board of Selectmen voted to continue Fieldstone Market's application for a license for the retail sale of win and malt beverages for 60 days per town counsel's recommendation to June 9 at 7:15 pm.

The board denied the request for an abatement of $200 for a residence owner on Pine Hill Lane, whose water-meter reading was in failure since February 2018. The entire water bill is approximately $1,221.

McGrail will be the primary representative and Parker secondary in Marion's actions that allow residents the option of choosing their own electricity carrier.

The contracts of inspectors of animals Sue Connor and Adam Murphy were renewed, effective for the next physical year.

The Marion Board of Selectmen will meet at 3:00 pm on Thursday, April 9, and vote on a proposal to postpone town meeting to a date no later than June 30 and with at least 20 days' notice.

Mattapoisett Tables Decisions on Town Meeting, Elections

Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen

By Marilou Newell

Now the rule, not the exception, Mattapoisett's Board of Selectmen met remotely on April 1, 2020. Before getting started, however, Selectman Paul Silva shared his thoughts on the COVID-19 problem and Mattapoisett's response.

"I want to thank everyone for their hard work in this tough time," said Silva, speaking from his home, where he confirmed he was in self-quarantine having just returned from Europe. "Mattapoisett is special like the bumper sticker says, but we can have a false sense of security. This virus has no boundaries." He urged the residents to be vigilant in maintaining CDC guidelines.

Regarding the postponement and or rescheduling of the spring town meeting, Silva said, "I'm not sure any date can be held in concrete." The immediate impact on the town's ability to conduct business was discussed as Silva noted that the state has granted latitude to cities and towns regarding budgetary matters.

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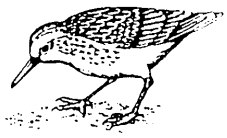

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Selectman Jordan Collyer said, "It's my opinion to vote to postpone both town meeting and the elections, to reconvene on May 11 and reassess where we are at then… The reality is they both need to be pushed out."

Former Town Administrator and now town consultant Mike Gagne said that Town Administrator Mike Lorenco had been researching new state provisions. Lorenco stated, "Selectmen can approve a one-twelfth budget until we have an approved 2021 budget." He later explained that the town could use a one-twelfth formula on a month-to-month basis calculated from the approved 2020 budget number.

Silva called for a motion to postpone the spring town meeting until further notice and to reconvene on this matter on May 11 for further consideration. The motion was moved and carried.

Town Clerk Catherine Heuberger offered her opinion regarding the May 19 elections. She said she was in favor of keeping the election date and moving forward as planned. "I can make accommodations for COVID-19, put safety guards in place." She said that more absentee ballots could be used, that she would hire fewer poll workers, expand early voting and, "…people can use their own pens." She went on to say that voting booths could be wiped with disinfectant clothes between uses, she would station hand sanitizers for people to use, and that poll workers would be given gloves to wear. She asked the selectmen to let the date stand.

Silva voiced his concerns, saying, "There are two components to this election. I'm concerned for those running for office." He said that usually the League of Women Voters gives candidates a forum to reach voters. Secondly, he said, "Candidates go out door-to-door as part of the campaign process." With that option now unavailable, Silva thought they might not have the opportunity to run a campaign at all.

Collyer said, "We can wait further down the road, maybe May 4." He said he agreed in principle with Silva that candidates should be asked their opinion in this matter. "It wouldn't hurt to ask if they can run a satisfactory campaign when you can't talk to people face-to-face."

The only contested race is the vacant seat on the Board of Selectmen, Heuberger confirmed.

The selectmen agreed they would follow state guidelines for the time being while watching to see what the state might mandate. The candidates vying for the selectman seat are John DeCosta and Tyler Macallister.

Heuberger said she would proceed with printing the ballot, checking the availability of poll workers, as the selectmen voted to take no action on this matter at this time.

In other business, Gagne said that the Board of Health had received a $5,000 grant that was used to produce signs instructing residents to observe social distance and hand washing recommendations and discouraging groups of more than 10 people. "We'll place those at Ned's Point, Shipyard Park and around the community." He said that the sand-lot play area next to Center School was taped off from public use as well as the equipment at the town beach on Water Street. The tennis and Pickleball courts would remain open for now, he said.

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Gagne said that the Mattapoisett Land Trust is keeping its properties open to the public for the present time, but that it, too, was placing notices reminding all of the importance of social distancing and moreover, keeping dogs leashed at all times. "It's important that all dogs be leashed at all times," he said.

Gagne said that Amanda Stone, the public health nurse, and Kayla Davis, the Board of Health director, were working extra hours, "…to ensure that Mattapoisett is safe." He discussed the proper handling of fresh fruits and vegetables as well as groceries and said a link would be placed on the town's website with further details.

Payments due to the town can be dropped off in the exterior drop-off box, Gagne reminded the public. He said that businesses needing assistance should contact the town tax collector/treasurer Kristie Costa. "We want to work with people, we want to make sure our community sustains and survives."

Silva spoke to the issue of people returning to seasonal homes or from trips outside the Commonwealth. "We are a seasonal community. It's important that people self-quarantine for 14 days. I'm doing it. It's not so bad," he said.

Before the meeting adjourned, Heuberger said, "I want to get a plug in for the census." She said the federal census is now in full swing and urged the public to complete the process.

No firm date or time was discussed for the next Board

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Rochester Extends Property Tax Deadline

Rochester Board of Selectmen

By Mick Colageo

The Town of Rochester is extending its deadline for the collection of property taxes by one month to June 1. The motion passed unanimously during Monday's live, online meeting of the Rochester Board of Selectmen.

Noting that every week three million people lose their jobs due to coronavirus-related layoffs, Board of Selectman Clerk Woody Hartley said, "That's going to have an effect."

"If it can help the people, I have no problem with that," said Town Administrator Suzanne Szyndlar. "We'll work with any financial ramifications... we'll borrow... we'll work with people."

A mailing has been created to notify taxpayers that they have this option.

Hartley encouraged those who can to pay to do so because not paying on the original schedule will cost the town money.

"We're all in this together," said Szyndlar, noting how the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) extended the national income tax filing deadline.

Szyndlar told the board that the town was holding at one COVID-19 case as of Monday's meeting.

"That's all I know of right now," said Szyndlar in her April 6 update to the board that included town hall's compliance with Governor Baker's order that all non-essential public buildings remained closed until May 4. The mailing of the town census has been delayed until that order is lifted.

Board of Selectmen Chairman Paul Ciaburri reported that the town has made an ultraviolet-light treatment available that sanitizes face masks. Residents can drop off their masks in a zip-lock bag at Fire Station 1 with name, address, and phone on the bag. Ciaburri said viable masks can be sanitized up to 20 times.

Szyndlar also noted that Rochester Town Fair's property-use request stands, despite the rescheduling of all of the event's spring-season fundraising activities.

Hartley praised Szyndlar's idea for a backup town administrator in the event she contracts the coronavirus and is unable to serve in her capacity. Town Counsel Blair Bailey, who hosted the April 6 meeting via Zoom, would serve in Szyndlar's absence.

Calling it a "wise idea" by Szyndlar, Hartley asked Bailey, "Are you feeling good, Blair?" Bailey answered, "I'm feeling fine." The motion passed.

Interim Town Clerk Paul Dawson's position was also fortified, as the board approved the extension of his contract from April 9 to one day after the annual town election, whenever that is.

Typically discouraged, Rochester is encouraging the use of absentee ballots for town election in 2020.

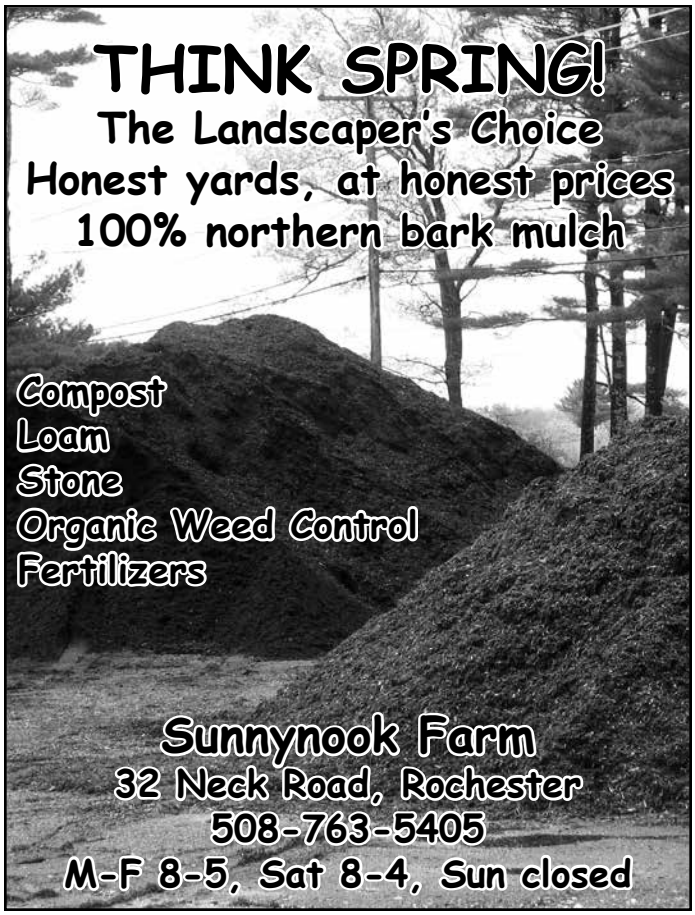
"We are hoping to encourage folks to use this (link on town clerk's website), for your safety and health as well as our workers," said Dawson. "When the date is set by the Board of Selectmen, there will be an election. But people will be leery about coming in (to public-polling places)... Whatever day that election is scheduled for, those ballots will be tabulated at that time. Make sure your voice is heard."

In other business, Austin Alves was approved as a new part-time police officer appointed for duty in Rochester.

An Old Rochester Regional High School and UMass Dartmouth graduate with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice. Alves has been training in the police academy and working part-time as a dispatcher in another town.

Chief of Police Robert Small called the appointment Alves' "lifelong dream" and spoke glowingly about Alves' preparation and "excellent testing."

Alves' appointment is the first of two staff additions



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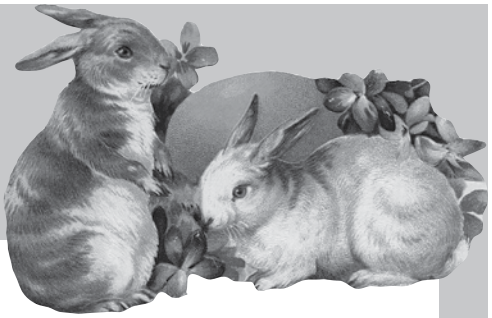

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the police department is requesting. The board voted unanimously to approve his hire.

"We wish him all the best," said Hartley, who used the opportunity to ask Small how it is going for his department.

"We have not changed our method of service at all, obviously trying to add a little physical distance," said Small. "People have been very cooperative in town."

Environmental Planner and Conservation Agent Laurell Farinon confirmed that Tuesday's Conservation Commission meeting would be recorded.

The next meeting of the Rochester Board of Selectmen was left at Szyndlar's discretion.

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Health District Destined for Breakup

Marion Finance Committee

By Mick Colageo

Marion plans to pull out of its two-town health district with Rochester.

In its first meeting since March 4, the Finance Committee voted unanimously on April 1 to join the unanimous recommendations of the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Health in carrying to town meeting the intent to end the arrangement with Rochester.

"It's not working anymore. We're looking to get out of it and do our own thing," said Town Administrator Jay McGrail, who will include the decision on the warrant for town meeting to withdraw from the Marion-Rochester Health District. "The District itself is a very convoluted thing to run one person... Maybe we could do shared services."

Marion expects positive, long-term financial implications from a new arrangement.

"That's something we've been advocating for... we'll end up saving some money," said FinCom Chairman Peter Winters. "The concept was for three (or) four towns to be together... I think we could do this shared employee with Rochester, but do it in a different way."

It will take a year for a dissolution of the two-town health district to go into effect.

Marion's problems are not with Health Director Karen Walega but with the bureaucratic setup and its inability to manage the situation.

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"The district pays for worker's (compensation benefits) for one person, and we pay an accountant for one person," explained McGrail. "When I say this it doesn't come out right... but it's control. One thing is there's an employee for the Town of Marion that we can't manage. (It's a) tough way to work.

"If the board's comfortable, I'd love to be able to put this on the warrant (for town meeting)."

A motion passed for Marion to remove itself from the two-town health district with Rochester.

"We finished the warrant here," said McGrail.

In his update, McGrail told the Marion Finance Committee in its first meeting since early last month that, despite financial uncertainty at national and local levels, the town is faring well in Fiscal Year 2020.

"We were very conservative on our revenue estimates regarding real-estate taxes, excise taxes and the like," he said. "Being that we're so late, currently about to enter the fourth quarter (of FY20), we've already collected a majority of the revenue that we need to meet our expectations for the year."

McGrail does not anticipate financial difficulties for Marion from now until July, but does expect a downturn in the fourth-quarter billing.

"Even with a downturn, we'll still be able to meet our revenue expectations for the year," he said, crediting Assistant Town Administrator Judy Mooney's budgeting work over the last few years.

McGrail says Marion is in a position where even FY21

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estimates, including state-aid estimates, are so conservative that it would take a very significant decrease in funding from the state and a very large decrease in what people will be paying in their taxes to be able to significantly impact the town in 2021.

"We have no idea – it could get really bad, I don't know – but we're prepared to weather the storm," McGrail told Fincom. "The conservative-budgeting approach that we've taken has put us in a place where we're not susceptible to slight (economic) swings. We could be susceptible to large (swings)."

McGrail expects that, if there is a "massive" impact on Marion's budget, it would make that impact to FY22.

In the meantime, the priority has been to tie up all of Marion's financial legwork and be ready to go with a warrant for a town meeting that may be held in an improvised format, perhaps using Sippican School classrooms so that participants can view on monitors from inside the same building but keep limits inside individual rooms to the state-mandated maximum of 10, with individuals able at appropriate moments to walk to the main room for in-person participation.

"If that's the case and town meeting is not typical, I think what we'd be looking to do is just approve Articles 1 through 4 so that we have funding set up for FY21 starting July 1st, and then postpone town meeting to a date to be determined to deal with all of the capital articles and such," McGrail told FinCom. "We'll see how it goes, and you guys will be involved in that whole process.'

Winters suggested McGrail consider Hoyt Hall (Firemen's Center) on the Tabor Academy campus, where town meeting has been held before.

"That's got a lot bigger capacity so, as far as spacing people out or people sitting in household groups, that might be something you want to consider, if Tabor is obviously amenable," said Winters.

Residents can deliver their tax payments into two drop-off boxes outside town hall, pay online or make an appointment for special circumstances.

Board member Margherita Baldwin asked McGrail if there was any provision in the federal CARE Act for those impacted by the coronavirus pandemic to the point of not being able to pay their taxes.

McGrail said he was receiving new updates from town

counsel. Board of Selectmen member John Waterman, who was on the call, said that the state's disaster declaration may free up funds.

McGrail gave an update on the increase in costs to Marion's water and sewer budgets since FinCom's last meeting. Sewer, projected to increase by 7.3 percent a month ago, was estimated at a slight decrease to a 7.24 percent increase, making the total amount $3.14481 million.

"David (Willett, DPW director) was pretty confident there wasn't a lot of fat in that or opportunities to save money," said Winters. "Obviously, seven percent is going to be a huge hit to the rate payers. You know, I don't think there's really much we can do, but we can decide how we want to vote on it."

Ms. Baldwin's motion to accept was seconded by member Shay Assad and passed without discussion.

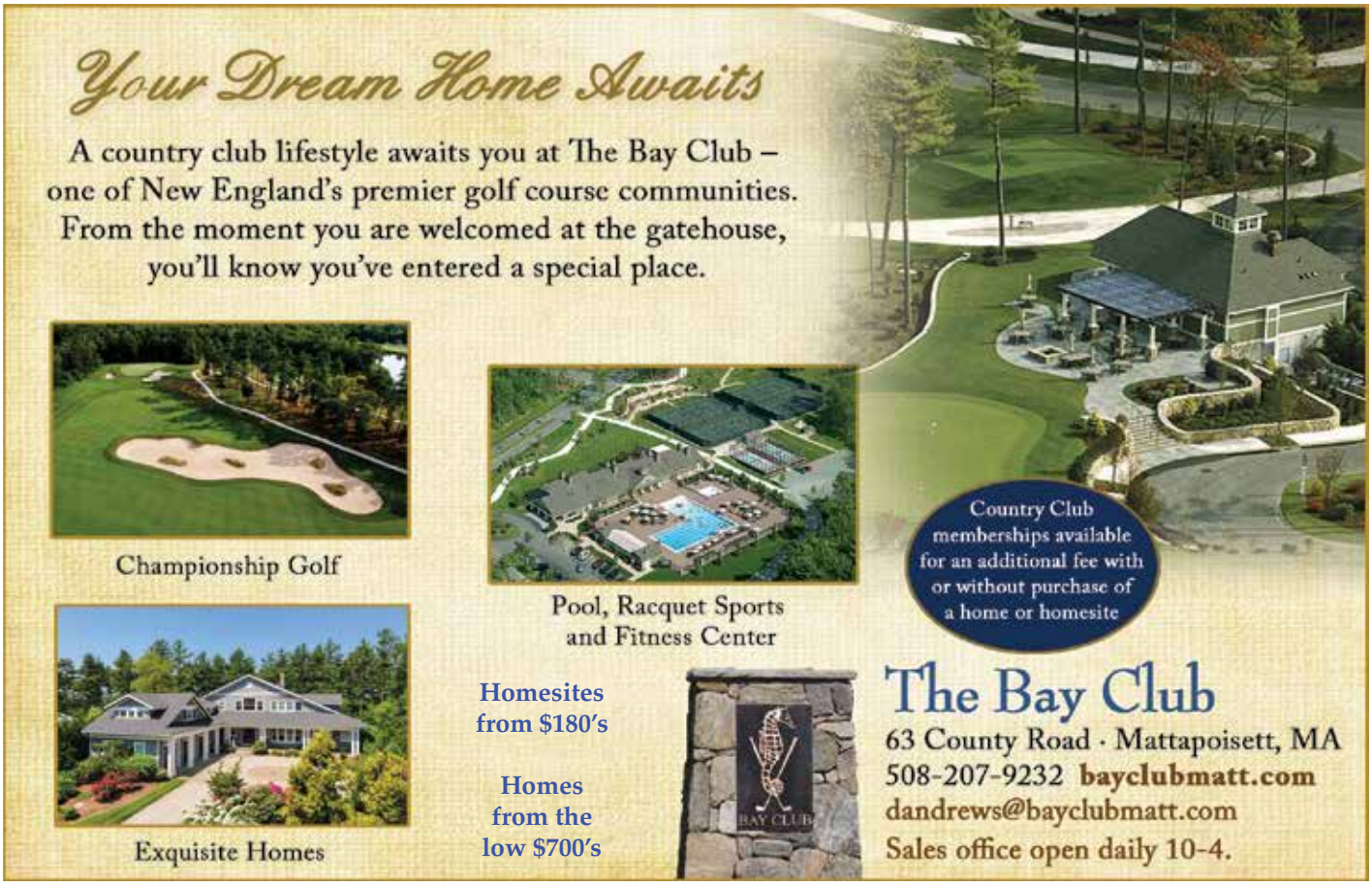
Water enterprise was projected to increase by 10.83 percent, now down to a 10.28 percent increase.

The increases encompass the $2.8 million bond that Marion is in the process of taking out for the Mill Street project. According to McGrail, Marion has no capital projects at town meeting that require bonding. The amount the warrant will bring to town meeting is $2,183,799.

A motion to accept was passed without discussion.

Winters asked what happens if one of Marion's contracted companies goes out of business.

Methuen Construction, which is working on Marion's lagoon project, is one of the largest companies in the state, according to McGrail, who said, "Hopefully they can



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weather the storm. The contract we have with them is about 4 inches thick."

Board of Selectmen member John Waterman was on the call and noted that Methuen Construction posted a performance bond.

"The most interesting thing over the next few weeks for Judy and myself will be we have some borrowing out that we're waiting to get back in, get some rates on. It'll be interesting to see how that shakes out and what we want to do," said McGrail. "We're in a situation where we're not long-term borrowing right now."

McGrail said that, even if Marion can hold town meeting, it won't necessarily look to spend all of its free cash. He said the town will need to go back to the Capital Improvement Planning Committee's plan to determine priorities.

To address smaller projects that McGrail said tend to get lost, he set aside a Building Maintenance fund of $50,000. (In Sandwich, that amount was set at $125,000). FinCom passed the motion unanimously. The money will be allocated for carpet replacement and especially painting.

"Painting never rises to a level of capital and, without a something like this in place, never gets done," said McGrail, who hopes to see the Community Center get painted and carpeted with drywall repairs. "There's a million little projects that just don't rise to the capital (planning) threshold."

He told FinCom the commitment is to come back next year and explain how every cent was spent. Any leftover funds would go back into free cash.

South Shore Generator quoted Marion at $47,000 for a new emergency generator for Perry Hill station to replace the 1994 emergency generator used to power the town during outages. Wolf Island was originally considered as well, but that will wait until next year.

Waterman called it "mission critical" that the generators are up and running.

The motion passed.

Citing larger matters such as the Master Plan, McGrail told FinCom he is pulling the $40,000 article to fund the storage facility off the warrant. Marion will continue paying $4,000 per year to rent space and also use the recently sold Atlantis Drive facility.

Winters cited a need to improve the means of ingress and egress, calling it difficult, and Waterman recommended a site plan for an overall improvement.

McGrail said Marion needs to replace the town's bucket truck, which is expected to cost $150,000 if new. "My hope is to buy a used truck for $70,000 or $80,000 (and send the rest of the $150,000 back to free cash)," he said.

The 1984 frame is rotted out, unusable and out of service since July 2019, according to McGrail.

The motion passed.

Items 45 and 46 set up a limit for revolving funds.

"If we bring in $300,000... town meeting does not authorize us no matter how much revenue we bring in to spend more than that amount ($150,000 for recreation and $17,500 for health)," explained McGrail.

Winters asked if Marion will need to increase the amount for the Health Department.

"We're doing OK," said McGrail, noting a wire transfer of $25,000 from the state the week before the meeting that allowed Marion to bring in five public-health nurses to do case tracing for COVID-19.

McGrail further explained that the $17,500 revolving fund provides an immunization program in which the money comes in from Tabor and Rochester and Marion provides the immunizations.

Motions for both amounts passed.

The next meeting of FinCom was set for 7:00 pm Wednesday, May 6.

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Marathon Hearing on NextGrid Project Continued

Mattapoisett Planning Board

By Marilou Newell

The meaning of "stick-to-itive-ness" was on full display when the April 6 meeting of the Mattapoisett Planning Board took place via Go-To-Meeting. After a bit of a slow start as each board member adjusted microphones, learned how to navigate the internet platform including muting and unmuting functions, the board opened the hearing of NextGrid, a solar development company headquartered in San Francisco. It took over three hours before the exhausted board members agreed to continue the hearing until May 4.

Daniel Serber, NextGrid, first presented the proposed solar array project back in November in the form of a Special Permit application before the Zoning Board of Appeals. After long presentations and abutter comment, primarily voicing strong opposition to a solar project in a residential neighborhood, that application was denied. NextGrid filed an appeal with the Massachusetts Land Court.

Jonathan Silverstein of KP Law, Mattapoisett's legal representative, provided clarification on how the applicant, after being denied permitting by the ZBA could file an application for consideration by the Planning Board.

It was determined by the Town of Mattapoisett that a possible solution might be reached by allowing the project to be filed with the Planning Board. The town's legal representatives met with the applicant's legal team,

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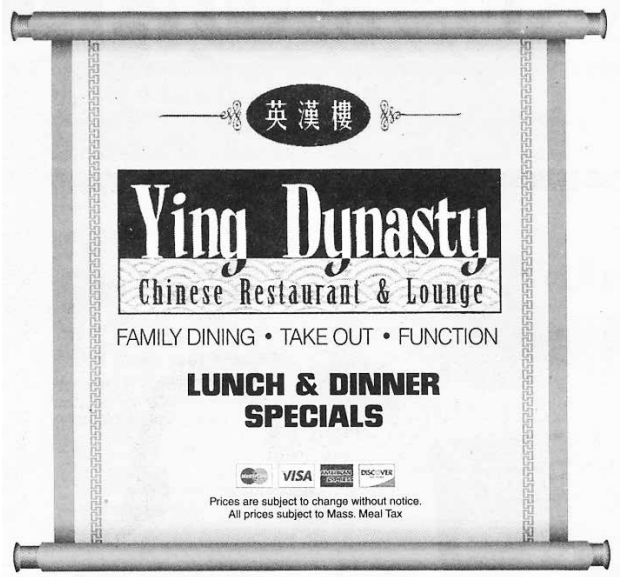

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it was learned in a follow-up with Mattapoisett's Director of Inspectional Services Andy Bobola. He said that, given the possibility of a long and expensive legal process at land court with the possibility of the decision coming down on the side of the applicant, the town wanted to be able to have some oversight of the project.

"We can have site-plan review and input and the ability to condition the project," Bobola told *The Wanderer.* He said that if the applicant won in land court, the town would have forfeited that option.

Silverstein said that previous solar projects sought and received permitting through the granting of special permits issued by the ZBA absent site-plan review by the Planning Board. He said that the appeal by NextGrid is pending in land court. The applicant's appeal states, in part, that because the town does not have a solar bylaw, there is no method available to grant special permits.

"The Planning Board has more experience with engineering specifications… it was agreed between the parties that the appeal process would quit and the applicant would come before the Planning Board," he said.

Silverstein also explained that state statutes grant special consideration when proposed projects in residential areas fall into categories such as religious structures, schools, and solar arrays. "Zoning bylaws may not prohibit solar," he said. But he added Mattapoisett's bylaw don't speak to solar at all.

During the hours-long hearing, various technical aspects of the project were heard with opportunities for the board members to ask questions of any of the three members of the NextGrid team. Serber was joined at the virtual conference table by Chris King of the architectural firm Atlantic Design, Sandwich, and NextGrid's attorney, Joseph Pacella.

The topics touched on stormwater drainage, scope of clearing, concerns around heavy equipment on the dirt roadway, Bowman Road, MSDS requirements for transformers, emergency-equipment ingress and egress capabilities, fencing, screening, and set-backs. Also discussed was the applicant's willingness to post bonds for decommissioning and maintenance. Sums were not set at this time.

Serber stated that extra care and consideration for abutters had been taken.

"We have spent time getting to know the abutters," he said. "They have been kind and invited us into their homes. We wanted to keep the project palatable to the community." Serber said that turtles and other migrating animals would be able to traverse the property freely and that landscaping would include the use of pollinating mixtures.

King pointed out that earlier plans had been modified to allow greater distances between private residences and the two solar-array fields, and that one of the two areas planned for development had been reduced by several acres. He also said that comments by the Mattapoisett Land Trust's peer-review consultant, G.A.F. Engineering, would be included in future plan modifications.

Public comment was taken in the form of written

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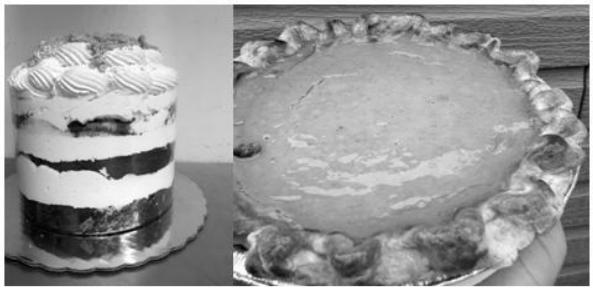

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missives, but Planning Board member Nathan Ketchel said that continuances would allow for public comment in the public meeting format. King felt all public comment should be in written form versus verbal participation, saying in this way the applicant could respond in kind. King feared by allowing verbal comment at the next meeting a decision would be delayed. Ketchel disagreed, saying, "I don't think we can put any kind of timeline on it.

"I'm not going to come in on May 4 and say (the public) can't comment. There was a pandemic. I didn't write this into how this year was going to go. Under current statute, we can go 45 days beyond the emergency order of May 4."

Earlier in the meeting, letters submitted to the Planning Board by Aucoot Road resident Brad Hathaway and his daughter Jane Hathaway dated April 2 and April 3 included questions of the appropriateness of a solar array in a residential district, consideration of drainage and stormwater management in light of the downstream location of the project, intent of 1965 Master Plans that indicated development should be compatible with residential areas, and large investments on the part of the Mattapoisett Land Trust in partnership with donors, the municipality and other investors to conserve more than 400 areas abutting the proposed solar array property, a point that according to Hathaway, "defeated the purpose" of conservation efforts.

Comments from the Mattapoisett Land Trust were recorded in the public hearing but not read aloud during this meeting.

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Also present at the meeting was Becky Zora, an abutter who said that due to audio difficulties she had not been able to clearly hear Silverstein and wished to fully understand how the project was being heard by the Planning Board before commenting. She was directed to the town's website for full access.

Other agenda items including review of a new solar bylaw and language modifications to flood-zone bylaws were suspended until further notice pending town meeting's scheduling.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Planning Board is scheduled for May 4 at 7:00 pm, venue to be announced.

Condo Project at 78 Wareham Road Hits a Snag

Marion Planning Board

By Mick Colageo

After another discussion as to whether to take a proposed zoning change at 78 Wareham Road to town meeting so that developer Henry DeJesus can build a 48-unit condo village intended to serve the needs of Marion's aging community, the Marion Planning Board balked in its Monday night meeting.

The April 6 meeting, held via live video conference, was the Planning Board's first since February 18 and its first since the threat of coronavirus had closed public offices and gatherings.

The board planned to convene with the intention of voting to support the application for a zoning change from a Residence D designation limiting the property to two-acre, single-family units to Residence E, allowing two units per acre. Approval at town meeting would transform the 29-acre property from being only be able to fit approximately 15 units to one able to fit as many as 50 units or, should the project include single-bedroom units, more than 50.

To everyone's apparent surprise, Town Counsel John Witten, who participated in the meeting by telephone, told the board that it is unlawful to attach a condition to a zoning change because it constitutes a quid pro quo and legally is no different than accepting cash from a developer to make a zoning change.

As an alternative, Witten proposed a deed restriction in escrow so that the zoning change proposal could be brought to town meeting for citizen approval and, at the same time, provide the town a sense of confidence in the project being built as proposed.

Witten explained that the zoning change would be effective upon passage, then the applicant would seek approval for the project and, if approved, that would trigger the release of the deed restriction.

"The devil is in the details, but I have no doubt we can work it out," Witten said.

Members of the Planning Board weren't so sure.

Until Monday's meeting, the board had not been supportive of the scenario in which the proposed deed restriction would be lifted.

Board of Selectman member John Waterman, who attended the online meeting, asked, "What if the project is not approved... so the deed is not released from escrow but the zoning change has gone through? It's leaving us exposed on that basis. (The developer) could come along with a totally different project that the board doesn't want to approve and he's got his zoning change."

The concern is a Residence E zoning designation would technically open the door for a project of significantly higher density than what Marion wants to see.

Witten acknowledged Waterman's point, adding, "The other possibility... once the zoning is changed, the land could be sold to a third party. That is the risk of negotiating a zoning change... (that's) why there's a law."

Members of the board also objected to the town's lack of protection, but Witten stated repeatedly that neither the Planning Board nor town meeting can enforce such

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an outcome. All they can do is approve or reject a zoning change, but a zoning change could come back to haunt the town should DeJesus sell his property rather than develop it.

Patricia McArdle, the developer's attorney, was on the call and said she was "flabbergasted" at the emerging skepticism, citing her client's multiple gestures of goodwill.

"I probably sound like a broken record at this point, but DeJesus is pushing hard into this," said McArdle, noting the developer's hire of Marion-based T2 Architecture and money spent pushing the project forward based on a 50-unit limit.

Board member Christopher Collings brought up the situation that the town is in after a zoning change was granted to developer Sherman Briggs, whose 28-unit proposal was withdrawn in favor of a 42-unit project, calling it "a perfect example of what John Waterman is saying. My vote for the zoning change at the time was based on his project being in line with Marion's Master Plan goals."

Vice Chairperson Andrew Daniel said he was "steaming" after unwittingly helping that happen by standing up in town meeting to support the zoning change that paved the path for Briggs' change of plans. "I fell in love with the project that Mr. DeJesus (proposed)... as much as I want that project – and I really do – I'm feeling a little betrayed right now and wouldn't want to stick my neck out again."

Board member Norm Hills said, "The second condition to come up in this meeting is not acceptable because we're just going to get ourselves into another problem here."

Board member Eileen Marum called the new conditions "rather eye-opening".

"The town has been betrayed by Mr. Briggs... I have misgivings now approving this particular project after listening. I think we should give this very careful consideration, and it may be best to leave this zoning the way it is."

Board member Joe Rocha said, "Things are different since we had that (prior) meeting. (DeJesus) looked us in the eye and said, "two (units) per acre. That's what I want to do, but that's a big leap of faith."

Witten reminded McArdle that good faith exists

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between DeJesus and the Planning Board, but that it's important the town protect itself against scenarios even DeJesus himself may not be able to control amidst the economic instability brought about by the coronavirus pandemic.

"Town meeting never approves a project; they approve a zoning change, but, as Mr. Waterman says, that could also be someone else's project," explained Witten. "You cannot fashion a project at town meeting, just a zoning change. If town meeting can't do that, don't grant the zoning change.

"The only way around that is the restriction, that the owner is nervous about. That... is a problem."

McArdle argued that Title 5 will limit the property all by itself.

"It's 48 units. Once you cap off, it becomes extraordinarily expensive to get to the next type of unit. It is a self-limiting project unless he does one-bedroom units," she said. "If we can't move forward on this, he's just going to sell it to somebody else."

McArdle said she did not mean that statement to sound like a threat, but stated it as a fact of the options DeJesus was considering.

Noting the estimated $270,000 the town would have to gain in property taxes plus the excise tax revenue that residents' vehicles would generate, Daniel said, "We have to be careful if we fight that kind of benefit to the town."

Witten told Planning Board Chairman Will Saltonstall that DeJesus' property could theoretically be purchased and annexed.

Witten recommended a new provision or the amendment of an old one to promise or commit to limit density so McArdle could give her client some comfort level and give the town the confidence it seeks. It would need a zoning change to the district and a zoning change to the bylaw, Witten said.

"We don't want to do more than we need to... but we could consider a bylaw change... that would give the potential applicant an ability to develop a project," he said.

Citing the timeline before the warrant needs to be ready for the printer for town meeting, Hills said the town does not have the necessary time to do something like that.

Saltonstall said the meeting was held so that, if the zoning change gained the board's approval, Town Administrator Jay McGrail would have it in time to include in the warrant for town meeting.

Waterman said the Board of Selectmen was scheduled to vote in its Thursday, April 9, meeting on a postponement of town meeting. (McGrail told the Board of Selectmen on Tuesday that he will recommend postponement to an undetermined date no later than June 30 but with 20 days' notice.)

The June town meeting is expected only to function to establish the budget for Fiscal Year 2021. Waterman expects, in the event of a town meeting postponed until June, that McGrail will have more time to prepare the warrant for printing.

Saltonstall asked McArdle to confer with DeJesus, then they would work to get inside the deadline. "Patricia, we're all on the same page;" he told her. "(We're) just trying to

do our jobs here and would be willing to expedite a special meeting to get it on the warrant."

McArdle accepted Saltonstall's overture, saying, "I would like (DeJesus) to hear all of this. If there is a way for us to think creatively... so it's win-win for everybody, I would like this opportunity. I'm sure he would, too."

Collings said, "I think we just got a bad taste of what happens when it goes sour... I want to see something cool happen here."

Marum agreed: "It would be great to see this project go forward... My greater concern is for the seniors who want to downsize, move into condos, be part of an association, be surrounded by their friends, loved ones, community members, I would feel more comfortable if we could get some assurances."

"It's a lot of details, but I don't want Mr. DeJesus to lose faith," Saltonstall told McArdle. "He has to understand what we're going through. Please convey that to him..."

Saltonstall also asked the Planning Board to go easy on Briggs, asking members "don't jump down that one's throat until you know a little more."

No date was set for the next Planning Board meeting.

Employee Safety in Age of COVID-19

Mattapoisett Water and Sewer Commission

By Marilou Newell

Meetings, in the new reality imposed on the globe by COVID-19, are now a virtual reality, so to speak. The Mattapoisett Water and Sewer met on April 1 via

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Gale P. (Duxbury) Costa, 81, of Mattapoisett, graciously said goodbye to the world, on Thursday, April 2, 2020, listening to her wind chimes, surrounded by her loving family. Gale was the wife of the late Michael B. ("Mike") Costa, and daughter of the late Harvey and Olivia E. (Berry) Duxbury. She was a communicant of St. Anthony's Church, in Mattapoisett.

Gale grew up in the house on the land that she left this world in, however, she spent most of her life in Fairhaven. She was a graduate from Fairhaven High School in 1956, and then had a brief stint at the New England Baptist School of Nursing. Gale, an only child mind you, then had the mad, insane idea to have eight children. Being in the family restaurant business this offered Gale and Mike labor alternatives.

Gale did not stop there. She was also involved as a FHS Pep Squad Coach, Cub Scout den mother and would always be found at the FHS end zone with the coaches wives using her deafening whistle to rally the FHS Blue Devils. Gale wasn't just the mother of her own brood. We believe if you ask anyone who grew up in Fairhaven in the 60's through 80's, you'd find fond memories of "Mrs. Costa" being the second mom to a significant bunch of misfits.

In 1980, Gale was nominated as the Standard Times Mother of the Year. An award she deserved and earned for her sacrifices and love that she gave to her family and the countless many in the Fairhaven area and throughout her lifetime.

Along with reading, being a wiz at crossword puzzles, and sitting on the porch listening to her birds sing, she loved spending time with family and friends, especially her grandchildren.

Gale leaves behind her children; Frank, Steve (and wife, Linda), Judy (and husband, Mark), Michael (and husband, Andrew), David, Patricia (and husband, Daniel), Rocky (and wife, Olivia), and Abby. Behind them are the 13 grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren, loving nieces, nephews, Fitz (her faithful companion and guardian), and the many friends that she, and we, have called family over the years.

We will miss you Mom. You have been the rock and binding glue of this family. We are sure you will have a few choice words for St. Peter when you see him - just remember to be easy on him.

Given the current circumstances, there will be a private family-only service at Fairhaven Funeral Home, with a celebration of her life at a later date and venue to be announced.

In lieu of flowers, we all just ask you to remember our Mom as she was to you, and how, we know, she touched all of your hearts.

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Charles W. White, a beloved English Professor for over five decades, passed away peacefully at his Marion home, on Saturday, April 4, 2020 after a long illness. He was 83.

Born in Boston, the son of the late Charles W. and Anna (Haley) White, he grew up in the Allston neighborhood, and fondly remembered his childhood in the 1940s -- particularly playing with his pals at Ringer Park and spending Saturdays at the movies. He graduated from Boston Latin School in 1954 and received his BS degree in 1958 from Boston University, where he was a member of Delta Sigma Phi. After entering the workforce, White realized the importance of pursuing a career he loved, and returned to school to study Literature.

He attended Tufts University where he received an M.A. in English and taught his first college courses. In 1967, White completed his Ph.D. in Literature at Harvard University; his dissertation, "Benjamin Franklin: A Study in Self-Mythology," was later revised and published by Garland Press.

White was a Professor of English, at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth, for a record 51 years before his retirement in 2017. His courses -- which spanned from large lectures surveying American Literature and Film, to in-depth seminars on Hemingway, Fitzgerald, Wharton, Thoreau, and Melville -- were popular for his insightful interpretations, breadth of knowledge, and funny personal anecdotes. His decades-long career was underscored by his activism and passion for free speech.

Two of his favorite courses to teach were "The American Dream" and "Films of the 1940s," both of which he created. White also founded UMD's International Film Series, hosting students and community members for 20 years. Additionally, White was a member of the part-time faculty at Northeastern University for 35 years and taught briefly at UMass Lowell and the University of Hawaii.

In his spare time, White travelled extensively in the United States and Europe and spent many summer vacations in England. On road trips, he shunned highways and stopped to read historical markers. He enjoyed friendly neighborhood card games, New England sports teams, pub trivia, golf at Allendale Country Club, dining out, attending theater and, of course, reading -- especially mysteries and historical novels.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia (Benham) White of Marion, MA; his children, Sarah (White) Ricard and her husband, David, of Los Angeles, CA; Jennifer White Smith and her husband, Christian, of New Bedford, MA; Jessica White and her husband, John Foster, of Atlanta, GA; Paul Barton and his wife, Nicole, of Plymouth, MA; eight grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his son, Alexander Charles White and his brother, Roger S. White.

Due to the current health crisis, a celebration of his life will be announced at a later date. Arrangements by Chapman, Cole & Gleason Funeral Home, Wareham. To leave a message of condolence, visit: www.ccgfuneralhome.com

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conference calls. Present were Chairman Daniel Chase, legal consultant Blair Bailey, along with commissioners Al Mennino and Dana Barrows.

Also present was Water and Sewer Superintendent Henri Renauld. During the course of his updates on various ongoing projects, Renauld said, due to the importance of assuring worker safety and the need to have healthy employees ready at all times, he has divided the staff into teams. Renauld explained that the departments' workforce has been split into two teams working on a rotating schedule to try and ensure as much physical separation and viability as possible.

"If one person in a team gets sick, the entire team has to be quarantined," he said. He stated that many people are working from home. In a follow-up, Renauld told *The Wanderer* that he has tried to duplicate each position, setting up in-field teams but also providing for his replacement in the event he becomes ill. He said that retired superintendent Nick Nicholson would replace him if necessary. Office staff is also working on a rotating schedule, he said.

Renauld wanted to assure the public that the water supply is safe and that twice-monthly testing is performed. He said that people do not need to buy bottled water. He told the commissioners that the Massachusetts Environmental Protection Agency uses a checklist for ensuring the safety of the public water supply. Mattapoisett's water department and the Mattapoisett River Valley aquifer serves parts of Marion and Rochester, as well as Fairhaven and Mattapoisett. "There is no indication the pathogen can be transmitted in the drinking water," he said. "I'm also having weekly conference calls with the EPA."

A bigger issue, Renauld said, was the flushing of various types of hygiene wipes into the municipal sewer system. He said private septic systems would also be impacted.

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7:30 AM Navigating the Way for Seniors
8:00 AM Senior Moment
8:30 AM Recovery Fitness
9:00 AM Your Yoga Moment
9:30 AM Schvitz'n with Norm
10:00 AM Tae Kwon Do
10:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
11:00 AM Health Source
11:30 AM Lucy's Big Beautiful World of Painting
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM Grumpy Old Men Cooking
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
1:30 PM Recovery Recreation TV
2:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
2:30 PM Neighborhoods to Nations
3:30 PM Cape Conversations
4:00 PM The Human Truth
4:30 PM Let's Talk Business
5:00 PM Books and the World
5:30 PM Registers Report
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Building the Future
7:00 PM Arts Alive
7:30 PM The Cinemaniacs!
8:30 PM Stop My Crisis
9:00 PM Science 360
9:30 PM Money Matters TV
10:00 PM Learning Music with Pat
10:30 PM The David Pakman Show
11:30 PM Democracy Now!

Friday April 10, 2020
7:00 AM Seniorcize
7:30 AM Health Source
8:00 AM Seniors on the Move
8:30 AM Recovery Fitness
9:00 AM The Art of Being Human
9:30 AM Tae Kwon Do
10:00 AM Cape Conversations
10:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
11:00 AM Building the Future
11:30 AM Fox Robbins Report
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
1:30 PM Perils for Pedestrians
2:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
2:30 PM Arts Alive
3:00 PM In the Toy Box
3:30 PM Recovery Recreation TV
4:00 PM The Human Truth
4:30 PM Stop My Crisis
5:00 PM Mr. Scammer
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Call to Action COVID-19
7:00 PM The Chundria Show
7:30 PM Southcoast Matters TV
8:00 PM Gay USA
9:00 PM The Cinemaniacs!
10:00 PM The Kamla Show
10:30 PM The David Pakman Show
11:30 PM Democracy Now!

Saturday April 11, 2020
6:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartoons
9:00 AM What's New? Massachusetts
9:30 AM Perils for Pedestrians
10:00 AM Southcoast Matters TV
10:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
11:00 AM Schvitz'n with Norm
11:35 AM Mind Matters
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM The Cutting Board
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
1:30 PM Off the Shelf
2:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
2:30 PM Arts Alive
3:00 PM 4 Deep Sports Talk
4:00 PM The Human Truth
4:30 PM Let's Talk Business
5:30 PM Reel Smaht
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Call to Action COVID-19
7:00 PM The World Fusion Show
7:30 PM Youth Suicide
8:00 PM Money Matters TV
8:30 PM Sound Off
9:30 PM Registers Report
10:00 PM Two Tones with George Lopes
10:30 PM The David Pakman Show
11:30 PM Democracy Now!

Sunday April 12, 2020
6:00 AM Veterans Voice
7:30 AM The Art of Being Human
8:00 AM Mattapoisett Congregational Church
8:15 AM Mind Matters
8:35 AM Health Source
9:00 AM First Congregational Church of Rochester
10:00 AM St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church
11:00 AM Cape Conversations
11:30 AM The Chundria Show
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM Grumpy Old Men Cooking
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
1:30 PM Call to Action COVID-19
2:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
2:32 PM Lucy's Big Beautiful World of Painting
3:00 PM Reel Smaht
3:30 PM Books and the World
4:00 PM The Human Truth
4:30 PM Off the Shelf
5:00 PM Mr. Scammer
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:31 PM Perils for Pedestrians
7:00 PM Racism in America (Part 8)
8:30 PM Let's Talk Business
9:30 PM Ghost Chronicles
10:30 PM The David Pakman Show
11:30 PM Democracy Now!

Monday April 13, 2020
7:00 AM Seniorcize
7:30 AM Navigating the Way for Seniors
8:00 AM Seniors on the Move
8:30 AM Health Talk
9:00 AM The Art of Being Human
9:30 AM Tae Kwon Do
10:00 AM Lucy's Big Beautiful World of Painting
10:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
11:00 AM Keep Talking
11:32 AM Cape Conversations
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM Grumpy Old Men Cooking
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
1:30 PM The Chundria Show
2:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
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4:30 PM Stop My Crisis
5:00 PM Off the Shelf
5:30 PM Call to Action COVID-19
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:31 PM Let's Talk Business
7:30 PM Recovery Recreation TV
8:00 PM Gay USA
9:00 PM 4 Deep Sports Talk
10:00 PM Fox Robbins Report
10:30 PM The David Pakman Show
11:30 PM Democracy Now!

Tuesday April 14, 2020
7:00 AM Seniorcize
7:30 AM Seniors on the Move
8:00 AM Recovery Fitness
8:30 AM Health Talk
9:00 AM Your Yoga Moment
9:30 AM Cape Conversation
10:00 AM Tae Kwon Do
10:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
11:00 AM Schvitz'n with Norm
11:35 AM Learning Music with Pat
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
1:30 PM Southcoast Matters TV
2:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
2:32 PM Sound Off
3:30 PM Hollywood Movie Maker
4:00 PM The Human Truth
4:30 PM Let's Talk Business
5:30 PM Money Matters TV
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Books and the World
7:00 PM The World Fusion Show
7:30 PM Science 360
8:00 PM Beyond My Crisis
8:30 PM 4 Deep Sports Talk
9:30 PM Gay USA
10:30 PM The David Pakman Show
11:30 PM Democracy Now!

Wednesday April 15, 2020
7:00 AM Seniorcize
7:30 AM The Art of Being Human
8:00 AM Senior Moment
8:31 AM Health Source
9:00 AM Mind Matters
9:30 AM Tae Kwon Do
10:00 AM Southcoast Matters TV
10:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
11:00 AM Mattapoisett Congregational Church
11:15 AM Call to Action COVID-19
11:33 AM Learning Music with Pat
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
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1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
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5:00 PM Registers Report
5:30 PM Building the Future
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:31 PM Sound Off
7:30 PM The Kamla Show
8:00 PM Science 360
8:30 PM Gay USA
9:30 PM Suicide Prevention in Massachusetts
10:30 PM The David Pakman Show
11:30 PM Democracy Now!

MARION GOVERNMENT
Comcast Channel 95
Verizon Channel 39
Daily Schedule
7:00 AM Marion Finance Committee - April 1, 2020
7:43 AM ORR Joint School Committee - March 23, 2020
9:00 AM Marion Board of Selectman - March 31, 2020
9:32 AM Marion Board of Selectman - March 26, 2020
10:06 AM Marion Board of Selectman - March 24, 2020
10:30 AM Marion Board of Selectman - March 19, 2020
11:00 AM Marion Board of Selectman - March 16, 2020
11:31 AM Marion Zoning Board of Appeals - March 12, 2020
1:30 PM Marion Finance Committee - April 1, 2020
2:13 PM ORR Joint School Committee - March 23, 2020
3:30 PM Marion Board of Selectman - March 31, 2020
4:02 PM Marion Board of Selectman - March 26, 2020
4:36 PM Marion Board of Selectman - March 19, 2020
5:30 PM Marion Board of Selectman - March 16, 2020
6:01 PM Marion Zoning Board of Appeals - March 12, 2020
8:00 PM Marion Finance Committee - April 1, 2020
8:43 PM ORR Joint School Committee - March 23, 2020
10:00 PM Marion Board of Selectman - March 31, 2020
10:32 PM Marion Board of Selectman - March 26, 2020
11:06 PM Marion Board of Selectman - March 24, 2020
11:30 PM Marion Board of Selectman - March 19, 2020

ROCHESTER GOVERNMENT
Comcast Channel 95
Verizon Channel 40
Daily Schedule
7:00 AM Rochester School Committee - April 2, 2020
8:14 AM ORR Joint School Committee - March 23, 2020
9:30 AM Rochester Board of Selectman - March 26, 2020
10:08 AM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals - March 12, 2020
11:00 AM Rochester Board of Selectman - March 16, 2020
12:00 PM Rochester School Committee - March 12, 2020
1:36 PM Rochester Planning Board - March 10, 2020
3:11 PM ORR School Committee - March 5, 2020
5:00 PM Rochester School Committee - April 2, 2020
6:14 PM ORR Joint School Committee - March 23, 2020
7:30 PM Rochester Board of Selectman - March 26, 2020
8:08 PM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals - March 12, 2020
9:00 PM Rochester Board of Selectman - March 16, 2020
10:00 PM Rochester School Committee - March 12, 2020
11:36 PM Rochester Planning Board - March 10, 2020

EDUCATION CHANNEL
Comcast Channel 97
Verizon Channel 37
Daily Schedule
7:00 AM Bulldog Weekly
7:30 AM ORR District FORM Choral Concert - March 10, 2020
8:30 AM Tri-County Symphonic - Rossini Reed Raum Concert
10:00 AM Marion Natural History Museum - The Butterfly Man
11:09 AM Marion Art Center - John Magnan Presentation
12:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
12:30 PM ORR 8th Grade Parent Information Evening
1:32 PM ORRHS Senior Superlative Night
2:30 PM Marion Natural History Museum - The Butterfly Man
3:39 PM Marion Art Center - John Magnan Presentation
4:30 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Wildflowers
5:42 PM Marion Art Center - Fox on the Fairway Cast Interviews
6:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
6:30 PM ORR District FORM Choral Concert - March 10, 2020
7:31 PM Tri-County Symphonic - Rossini Reed Raum Concert
9:00 PM ORR 8th Grade Parent Information Evening
10:02 PM OC Girls Basketball vs Sturgis East Charter - February 27, 2020
11:30 PM OC Boys Basketball vs Cape Cod Academy - February 28, 2020

MATTAPOISETT GOVERNMENT
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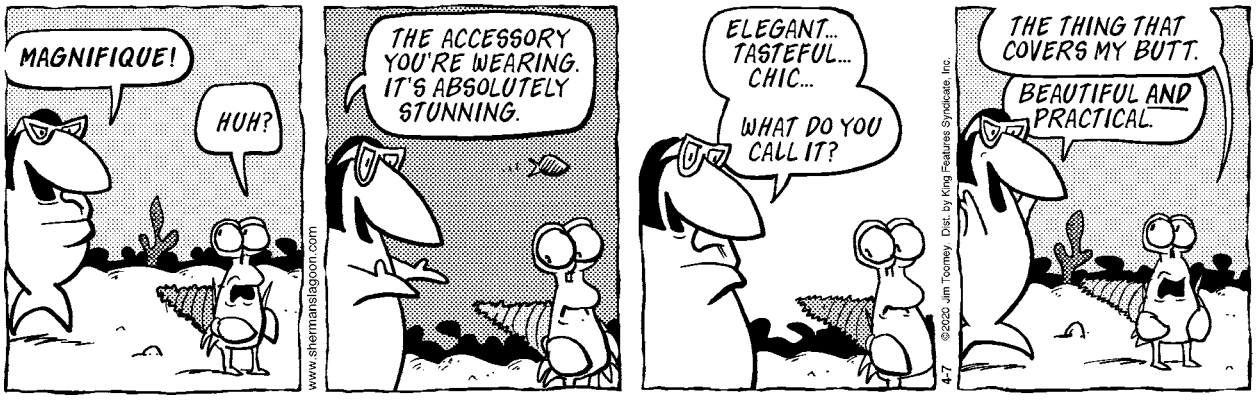
SHERMAN'S LAGOON
by J.P. Toomey



"Every time there is a clog, we've got to put our staff in a trench." While it is unlikely any pathogen could survive in the sewer system, Renauld said emergency maintenance situations put the worker in harm's way.

"Even if the package says the wipe can be flushed, don't do it," Renauld urged the public.

In other business, Renauld updated the commissioners on the cost estimates for expanding the public sewer system from Route 6 north along North Street to the intersection with Industrial Drive.

Renauld said that preliminary estimates found that each household would face paying $47,000 in betterment fees. When asked, he said that several years ago the estimate had been $40,000. "The size of the project is the problem," he said. There simply aren't enough residences to share the cost, he said. Too few homes would mean a heavy financial burden to each household in the expansion zone.

The commissioners expressed their dismay at the high estimate, with Chase saying, "I'm appalled."

"It would be hard to present that to the residents," Renauld stated.

Barrows said, "Don't even bother – that kind of money is obscene."

Renauld concurred saying, "Due to inflation, I don't think the project is economical for the residents."

Barrows asked if another estimate using a different engineering group would be advisable before presenting anything to the public. Renauld said he would follow-up on that idea. Barrows said, "We need due diligence."

Chase said he wanted to focus on the next big sewer project, Pease's Point, as the commissioners agreed to table further discussion on North Street sewer expansion at this time.

Renauld also updated the commission on the Eel Pond sewer project, saying that grant monies would soon be released to cover some of the initial outlay that the town was required to fund, and that some environmental engineering studies completed for Phase 1b of the bike path could be used to satisfy some of the studies required by Massachusetts Coastal Zone Management.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Water and Sewer Department had not been scheduled at press time.

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ORR Schools Mobilize for Remote Learning

Rochester Memorial School Committee

By Mick Colageo

Superintendent of Schools Doug White praised the tech department while discussing a district-wide shift to remote learning during the April 2 online meeting of the Rochester Memorial School Committee.

On April 3, White wrote a letter to the Tri-Town Communities stating that all six schools in the Old Rochester Regional School district were shifting to a remote-learning model. Furthermore, all staff members have been busy drafting remote-learning plans to share with parents, guardians, and students.

ORR's goal is that students can learn on and offline while away from the classroom until at least May 4 per state order.

"We're having dialogue about what that may look like and what we might do," White told the Rochester School Committee assembled via video conference online. "Remote learning isn't just a virtual experience... it could be a large group of people getting together. It could be an audio-conference, it could be a 1-to-1 student (session)... We're trying to get that message out that it's not just screen time or time with the teacher."

According to White, ORR is looking at a schedule of three hours only on the backs of their classroom teacher, roughly half the time of a school day. "Another thing that we're asking is that teachers provide an hour of office time available to their families (i.e. office hours)," he said.

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Movie Review

Vulgar Art

By Rob Gonsalves
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***The Cook, the Thief, His Wife and Her Lover.* Starring Michael Gambon and Helen Mirren. Directed by Peter Greenaway. Running time: 121 minutes. MPAA rating: NC-17. Now streaming on Amazon.**

Thirty years ago this month, we in America began to hear of something dark and alluring, a British film with a title worthy of Grimm: *The Cook, the Thief, His Wife and Her Lover.* Those of us who caught it in an art-house theater, with an actual audience, remember the hushed noises around us. It was a weird crowd. Viewers accustomed to rather more genteel and artsy fare were confronted with images of sex and violence; viewers with a thorough grounding in exploitation flicks were confronted with allusions to great painters and dramatists. Either way it was a confrontation. Does it say anything today, though? And really, did it ever?

I'm not a *Cook, Thief* hater. Its creator, writer-director Peter Greenaway, crafted an extraordinary — and extraordinarily memorable — fable about art and love adrift in a cruel world of … of what? Consumerism? Capitalism? Thatcherism? *Cook, Thief* can be an attack on whatever you want it to be an attack on. But is it really an attack? Certainly the second character in the title — the thief, crude gangster Albert Spica (Michael Gambon) — seems meant to stand in for ugliness and brutality wherever we may find it. Spica sits in his favorite restaurant, which he has also bought, and spews about disgusting topics as though he were a naughty little boy testing the patience of his elders. But no one dares to push back at him; doing so may get you stabbed in the face with a fork, or taken out to the parking lot and smeared with dog excrement.

Whatever narrative tension there is in *Cook, Thief* derives from Spica's abused and soul-tired wife Georgina (Helen Mirren), who loathes Spica and has her eye on a literally bookish man, Michael (Alan Howard). Michael comes to the restaurant each night, reading about the French Revolution over the meals prepared by the head chef, Richard Boarst (Richard Bohringer), who also hates Spica. If *Cook, Thief* belongs to anyone other than Greenaway, it's Mirren, who wrestles the movie away from Greenaway's often pompous clutches and invests it with recognizable human emotion — even during a late scene that goes on forever and spoils what might be, in a "lesser" film by Greenaway's lights, the big twist. If you've never seen the movie or haven't for years, you will come away from it with an even deeper-seated respect for Mirren, who does her damnedest in a largely unwritten role. Greenaway, it seems, doesn't do humans any more than his opposite number — say, Michael Bay — does.

Yet it's this very tension between humanity and the film's rigorous scheme — between life and art — that digs its hooks into our memories. The lurid cruelties that Greenaway lingers over, out of perhaps some disdainful conviction that this is what the mass audience wants, help to file the movie on a rarefied art-exploitation shelf alongside, say, Abel Ferrara's *Bad Lieutenant* or Darren Aronofsky's *mother!*. I don't mind Greenaway's fixation on art. I actually prefer his *Belly of an Architect,* made two years before *Cook, Thief,* and not just because Brian Dennehy dominates it brilliantly. There's a compassion, a generosity of spirit, in it that's missing from *Cook, Thief.* But by the time Greenaway made this film, he'd been in the business and dealing with money men for enough years that his experience, I suspect, informed the Juvenalian satire here.

Cook, Thief was the first film by Greenaway distributed in America by Miramax, which at that point was building a reputation as a tony studio specializing in prestigious works from the indie scene and from abroad. After the movie's success — driven by all the buzz about its ghastly content — Miramax got into the Greenaway business briefly, with *Prospero's Books* and *Drowning by Numbers.* Nowadays, of course, Miramax is associated with far more sinister things than a movie featuring vomit and poop and corpse-munching. The bearded, balding Albert Spica, with his potato face, his violently menacing swagger, his ferocious misogyny, and his deafening contempt for anything uppity while conspicuously consuming fine food (art food!) only to crap it out later, strikes me in 2020 as nothing so much as Greenaway's prescient portrait of Harvey Weinstein. Viewed as a metaphor for Greenaway the cook's hatred of the slimy vulgarians he had to prepare exquisite dishes for in order to continue to cook at all, *Cook, Thief* takes on considerable thematic weight. And who among us can object to the way Greenaway deals with his Weinstein, by putting the means of revenge not in the cook's hand, finally, but in the wife's?

This could be done by phone or via phone apps, computer programs or email, he said.

Committee member Tina Rood suggested that there be one guaranteed place where families will know how to connect to a teacher. "We're in what is a crisis with the families," she said.

White said the schools are already in such an active communication that the school will be the side performing regular maintenance of those situations.

Principal Derek Medeiros said Rochester Memorial School will continue posting messages to remind families that this communication is being promoted.

White told committee member Sharon Hartley that families would be advised as to how the day will proceed and the online platforms.

"We have teachers who are using email and teachers who are using a website," said White, who said work is ongoing on professional development for support of teachers to mobilize them. "We're going to make mistakes and we're going to do better."

White acknowledged the changing goals with the passing of time since it became apparent school would be out beyond the original prescription of April 7 to the present order of May 4.

"We're just under 300 Chromebooks lent out over all of the districts; that's a continuing opportunity that we're offering our students," he said.

Hot spots are also being addressed and alternative means of internet linkage.

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"Our teachers feel comfortable with the platforms that we're using," said Medeiros. "I think everybody's going to be a Zoom expert." Jokes aside, Medeiros says online tutorials are being researched and sent out to teachers to support their efforts.

Assistant Superintendent Mike Nelson suggested that if people visit the ORR website or any of the school webpages, then move to the Staff Resources tab up top and click on "PD for School Closure," it will show the programs and resources that the ORR District is offering.

Nelson discussed special education, noting immediate meetings upon the March 13 closure of schools, beginning weekly check-ins with homes and offering students newly needing social and emotional support to engage Central

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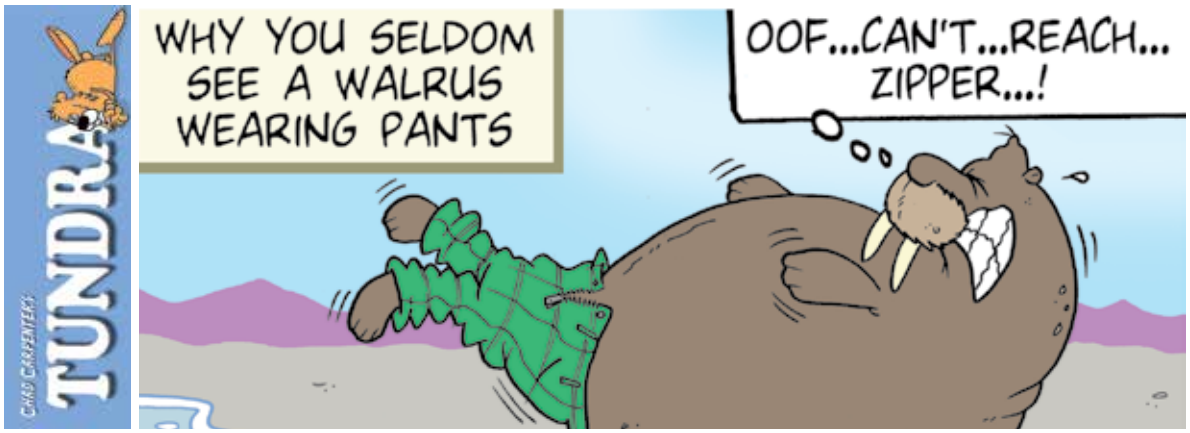

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"Our priority is providing as many services and support to our families as we possibly can, knowing that they're not going to be looking the same," said Nelson, who went on what he called a "Zoom marathon" to reach out to families with students with disabilities.

Screen time was also discussed by the committee, acknowledging the necessary byproduct of online learning being additional hours spent by children at their computers.

In his report, White thanked the ongoing work of cafeteria in ORR schools for the 145-170 lunches distributed per day. White said ORR will move to an every-other-day schedule to limit exposure by staff. There is no interaction between staff and those picking up lunches. Staffers maintain separate stations while working to prepare lunches.

"There had been conversation about reimbursement... We've lost the ability to collect funds," said White. "Just over the weekend, the (federal government) announced that they will cover it... Our cafeteria workers are not supported through our budget. We will keep you posted with that."

People who pick up meals receive lunch and breakfast for the next day.

Classrooms are being cleaned more intensely and regularly and, if used, are being sanitized again. "We've been doing that in all three towns," said White.

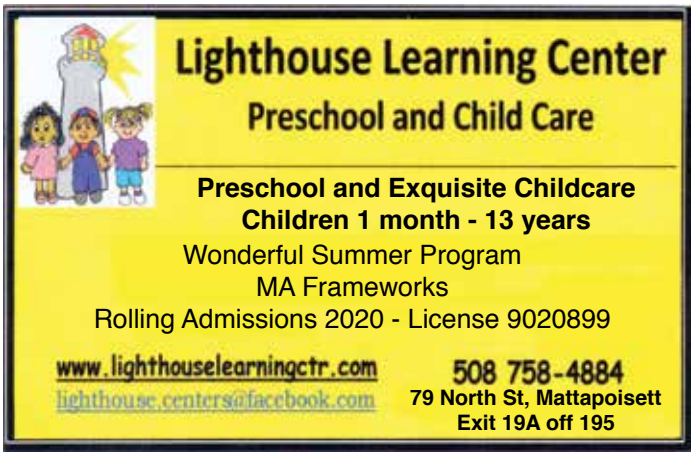
Following the March 13 school closure, Medeiros reported having allowed teachers to come back into school to gather belongings for the ongoing absence.

"I want to acknowledge that we are paving the road as we are walking on it, and we are walking on it," said Hartley when opening the meeting. "I'm proud of many of the things that have happened in the past few weeks with our students, our children and their families. Thank you, everyone."

Class assignment for the 2020-21 school year in all ORR schools will be moved to mid-August, Medeiros confirmed, and March 12 meeting minutes were approved.

The April 2 meeting began with committee approval of the appointment of Laurie Walsh as new recording secretary.

The ORR School Committee is scheduled to meet on



Super Crossword

THE THIN, THE FLAT, AND THE ROUND

ACROSS

1 Reddish-brown pigment
7 Nitpicky know-it-all
13 Fleet leader
20 Instead (of)
21 Win over
22 Bishop's district
23 User's storage component
25 Gives approval
26 Rock's Brian
27 "My true love — see" ("Oh! Susanna" lyric)
28 Without, to Jean-Luc
30 Shrubby expanses
31 Disorder
33 NBAer — Gasol
34 Occasion to say "King me"
36 Pasty luau food
38 Baseball card stat
40 — flight (go by jet)
41 Zing
42 Ship-deck diversion
48 Sauce giant
50 Brew source
51 Hotsy- —
52 Crown
54 Diver's gear
59 "The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo" heroine Salander
61 Prefix with dose or ton
62 Less lenient
64 "Entertaining Mr. Sloane" dramatist Joe
65 Participant in the sport Ultimate
68 Yellow transport
69 Draw — on (take careful aim at)
71 — Brothers ("It's Your Thing" group)
72 Hanoi's home, briefly
73 It enables a motorist to stop
76 Bog bird
78 Naive
79 Brazilian soccer star
80 Tending to wear away
82 "Hmm, let — ..."
83 Former NBA star Ming
84 Spiro who served with Nixon
86 False tale
87 K-P hookup
91 45's place
94 "Mickey" singer Basil
98 Gives help
100 In the style of
101 "Try — might ..."
102 It includes the sacrum
106 Nellie of social reform
108 Film-rating org.
112 Paris' mother
113 Author Jaffe
114 He defeated Romney
116 Put- — (deceptions)
117 Like space debris
119 Commonality of seven answers in this puzzle
122 Turn loose
123 Gathering, as bees
124 Lie sheltered
125 Fair- — (blond)
126 Dictation-taking pros
127 Mad Hatter's party pieces

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1 Words to an attack dog
2 — ear and out the other
3 "St. — Fire"
4 Small swig
5 Nine, in Nice
6 Avation aid
7 Agitates
8 Within: Prefix
9 Women's patriotic gp.
10 Mennonite subgroup
11 Bursting stars
12 GI's ditch
13 "The Piano" pianist
14 Kitchen cloth
15 Hurdler Edwin
16 Frigid stretch
17 With 65-Down, video store charge
18 Allergic affliction
19 Decrease
24 Special span
29 Hershey candy bar
32 Tanning lotion stat
34 Spy org.
35 Cleanup org.
37 Quite a lot
39 Tarzan's son
42 French battle site of '44
43 Clairol's area
44 Newly rich people
45 Ordinal suffix
46 GPS options: Abbr.
47 Wound from a mutt
49 With 65-Down, charge to log on
53 Bel — cheese
55 Witches
56 In a careless manner
57 Animated film featuring Seinfeld's voice
58 JFK landing: Abbr.
60 Fumble
61 Around June or July
62 Sault — Marie
63 Your, once
65 See 17- or 49-Down
66 Grating
67 Elegant tree
69 Smallish batteries
70 Bibliophile's love: Abbr.
73 It takes vids
74 Film holder
75 Wild plum
76 Wolf cries
77 — -do-well
80 Goal
81 Lender's expectation
84 Co. that owns Moviefone
85 Potpourris
88 Discomfort
89 Cage of film, informally
90 Smell
92 Fire
93 Goal
94 Simple top
95 First act
96 Kidman of Hollywood
97 Accustoms
99 Sluggish tree-dwellers
103 PLO head Mahmoud
104 Missed, as a bull's-eye
105 Writer Binchy
107 Loo, briefly
109 Mile markers
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111 Useful thing
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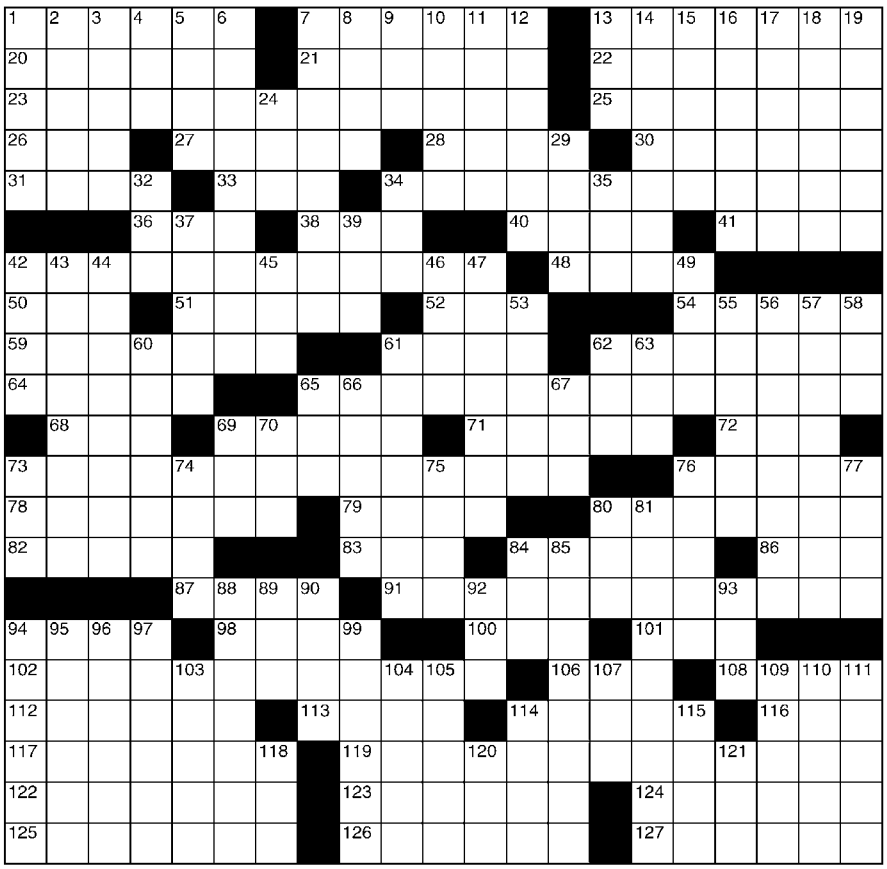
115 "Zip- — -Doo-Dah"
118 Knight of TV
120 Yang go-with
121 "That — lie!"



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SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You might be upset about having to deal with problems that are no fault of your own. But you can turn the annoyance into an asset by showing how quickly and how well you can resolve them.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) The Bovine's fondness for tidiness pays off when you untangle a situation that seems hopelessly snarled. You might later be surprised to learn who will be expressing his or her gratitude.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Although you can tackle your assignment the way you prefer, it might be a good idea to at least ask for suggestions. Who knows? One or two might even turn out to be helpful.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Make all the changes in your plans or proposals that you feel are necessary before -- repeat, before -- you submit them to your colleagues. You'll come off looking more decisive that way.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You might feel a mite intimidated in a new environment, be it a job, a classroom or meeting the future in-laws. But enter with a big smile, and everyone will see you as a real take-charge Cat.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) This could be a romantic time for you if you can set aside your cynicism and let yourself believe that someone really cares. If you're already in a relationship, expect your partner to be extra-loving.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) It's a good time to shed any doubts about your abilities. You've proved yourself in the past, so why not accept that you'll do just as well, or better, in dealing with the new challenge ahead?

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your suspicions might be on the mark, but unless you can prove what you assume, you need to exercise that Scorpion discretion and let events unfold without your assistance.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Be careful not to go over the top this week. Avoid overeating (especially of the wrong foods), or drinking too much, or working too hard. You can do it all, but in moderation.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A family matter is given to you to resolve because you have the gift for bringing quarrelsome kinfolk together. But while you're playing Dr. Phil, don't neglect your career obligations.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Someone of importance shares your goals but disagrees with your plan to achieve them. Never mind. Defending your methods with logic and facts earns you admiration and respect.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Consider getting away, perhaps for the weekend, despite all the demands made on your time and energies. You'll return refreshed and ready to tackle it all with your usual finesse.

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'Distance Learning' Keeps Prep Students on Track

From Tabor Academy

With schools closed all over the state until May 4, school is still "in session" at Tabor Academy –at a distance. Though geographically apart, faculty and students jumped right into distance learning on March 26 to kick off the spring trimester.

Tabor faculty worked over the break to rethink curriculum, learn new tools, and develop collaborative strategies online in order to ensure educational continuity for the students.

"While the format and forum will be different, the skills and objectives we have been working on together since September will remain familiar," says Eileen Marceau, Associate Head of School for Academic Affairs. "Our focus remains on developing our students as confident, independent learners, and our transition to distance learning is an opportunity to test our own progress."

With students at home in locations around the world, the school has set time aside for "synchronous" class experiences but is focusing on "asynchronous" coursework to help students keep pace towards the learning goals of their courses.

Tabor teachers provide learning objectives, materials, and tasks in approximately two-week increments through the school's learning management web portal. Classes and advisors gather in video conferences to check in on the assignments, ask questions, catch up with one another, plan and engage in some discussion about the material.

"Asynchronous work is typically for deeper learning," says Marceau, "while synchronous meetings are more about connection and maintaining community – an important goal of this effort."

Marceau explains that the teacher in this model becomes more of an instructional coach, learning mentor and facilitator, providing structure and goals for students and supporting them both individually and in group settings online as they fine-tune ideas, share work, reflect and expand their understanding, and demonstrate their learning through a variety of media.

Developing community and sharing perspectives is also critically important to the Tabor experience. In order to maintain community, student clubs and activities can meet online after the school day and in the evenings.

"Teams, discussion groups, dorms, friend groups and more are finding video conferencing to be an important tool for staying in touch and keeping the relationships and ideas going," said Director of Communications Kerry Saltonstall. Advising and counseling are also continuing online. "Faculty advisors are in regular contact with students and families to be sure everything is going well and students have what they need and are staying engaged." College counseling work continues individually, and even the school's mental health counselors are available as needed for individual consultation during this uniquely stressful

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TOWN OF ROCHESTER
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NOTICE OF REMOTE PUBLIC HEARING

An Open Hearing of the Rochester Conservation Commission will be held on Tuesday, April 21, 2020 at 7:00 pm regarding a Notice of Intent filed by STEEN REALTY & DEVELOPMENT CORP., 3 Ledgewood Boulevard, Dartmouth, MA 02747 for properties located at 22 Cranberry Highway, designated as Lots 41C and 50 on Rochester Assessors Map 17. This Open Hearing is being conducted remotely consistent with Governor Baker's Executive Order of March 12, 2020, due to the current State of Emergency in the Commonwealth due to the outbreak of COVID-19.

The Notice of Intent application is for work located entirely within the 100 Foot Buffer Zone to a wetland resource area located at 22 Cranberry Highway in Rochester. The scope of work includes associated grading and drainage outfall installation associated with the development of 208 residential units and commercial space within the Cranberry Highway Smart Growth Overlay District. A majority of the work will occur within previously altered/disturbed areas. Minor grading will occur within the Town of Rochester's 25-ft No Disturb Zone which is associated with the installation of the rip rap apron from the outlet pipe.

The applicant's representative is Allen & Major Associates, Inc., 10 Main Street, Lakeville, MA 02347. The property owner of record is Rochester Crossroads, LLC, 158 Tihonet Road, Wareham, MA 02571.

This meeting is being held under the Massachusetts Wetland Protection Act, MGL Ch. 131, Section 40 and the Town of Rochester Wetland Protection By-Law.

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An Open Hearing of the Rochester Conservation Commission will be held on Tuesday, April 21, 2020 at 7:00 pm regarding an Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation DEP SE 272-575 filed by JOE HARRISON, SUNRAISE INVESTMENTS LLC, 26 Market Square, Portsmouth, NH 03801, for property located at 0 Featherbed Lane, Rochester, MA 02770, designated as Lots 22 & 35 on Assessor's Map 46. The purpose of the filing is to confirm the bordering vegetated wetland boundary.

The property owners of record are Bradford D. & Ruth C. Correia, 220 Mattapoisett Road, Rochester, MA 02770. The applicant's representative is Prime Engineering, Inc., 350 Bedford Street, Lakeville, MA 02347.

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TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, April 27, 2020 at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall on a Notice of Intent submitted by TEC, Inc., 146 Dascomb Road, Andover, MA 02810. The proposed project is to improve roadway and drainage infrastructure along Industrial Drive. Drainage modifications, curbing, and guardrail is to be installed. A potential shared use path along Industrial Drive will be permitted separately. The project is located at Industrial Drive, Mattapoisett, MA 02739, and is further identified as Lot N/A on Assessor Map N/A.
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Tri-town Police Logs

MARION
Log highlights March 29-April 4

- Converse Rd – EMS/medical
- Wareham Rd – EMS/medical
- Wareham Rd – Road hazard
- Village Dr – Health/welfare
- Main St – EMS/medical
- Mill St – EMS/medical
- Front St – Suspicious MV
- Point Rd – General service
- Rogers Dr – Civil complaint
- Mill St – Officer wanted
- Main St – EMS/medical
- Mill St – Officer wanted
- Piney Point Rd – EMS/medical
- South St – EMS/medical
- South St – Health/welfare
- Emil's Way – EMS/medical
- Cottage Ln – General offense
- Mill St – Officer wanted
- Front St – Paper service
- Converse Rd – MV complaint
- Reservation Way – EMS/medical
- Mill St – EMS/medical
- Front St – Paper service
- Emil's Way - Medical
- Mill St – Suspicious activity
- Emil's Way - Death
- Planting Island Rd – Officer wanted
- Point Rd – Suspicious activity
- County Rd – Larceny/past

MATTAPOISETT
Log highlights March 29-April 4

- Crystal Spring Rd - Complaint
- County Rd – Be on the look out
- Little Pine Way – Animal Complaint
- County Rd – Be on the look out
- Wildwood Ter – 911 abandoned
- Stoney Hill Rd – Unwanted person
- Bayberry Ln – Medical/assist
- Mattapoisett Neck – Parking violation
- Neds Point Rd – General service
- Main St – Safety/road hazard
- Church St – Suspicious other
- Main St – Found property
- North St – Health/welfare
- Fairhaven Rd – MV/lockout
- Captain's Ln – Animal control
- Marion Rd – General service
- Marion Rd – Ambulance request
- Marion Rd – MV violations
- County Rd – Animal control
- County Rd – Suspicious MV
- Marion Rd – Ambulance request
- North St – Larceny/forgery/fraud
- Tallman St – Health/welfare
- Randall Ln – House check
- Acushnet Rd – Harassing calls
- Alderberry Ln – 911 call
- North St – Disabled MV
- Winnatuxett Beach – General service
- Mattapoisett Neck – Parking violation

ROCHESTER
Log highlights March 29-April 4

- Marys Pond Rd – Suspicious MV
- Bumpy Ln – Animal control
- Cushman Rd – Suspicious activity
- High St – Medical emergency
- Marion Rd – Medical emergency
- Estabrook Way – Animal control
- Forbes Rd – 911 call
- Benjamin Dr – Public assist
- Dexter Ln – Asist citizen
- Cushman Rd – Message delivery
- Robinson Rd – MV stop/citation
- Marion Rd – Medical emergency
- Rounseville Rd – Noise complaint
- Dexter Ln - Vandalism
- Rounseville Rd – Officer follow-up
- Walnut Plain Rd – Animal control
- North Ave – 911 call
- New Bedford Rd – MV stop/citation
- Wolf Island Rd – Animal control
- Stuart Rd – Medical emergency
- Dexter ln – Property returned
- New Bedford Rd – MV stop/citation
- North Ave – Assist citizen
- High St - Disturbance
- Rounseville Rd – Suspicious MV
- Quaker Ln – Medical emergency
- Robinson Rd – Officer follow-up
- Clapp Rd – Suspicious activity
- Mendell Rd – Suspicious MV

For a full PDF of the three towns' police logs from the past week, including arrest reports, visit www.Wanderer.com.

time.

"It is pretty impressive to see how so much of what we strive to do normally can continue through connective technologies, even when we are apart," said Saltonstall. "While we much prefer to be together on campus, sharing experiences in real-time, we are pleased with what has been possible through the hard work and perseverance of our community."

"It's been a tremendous, all-hands-on-deck effort," says Marceau. "This is our core value of life-long-learning in action."

Trahan Helping MIAA Decide on School Sports

Sports Roundup

By Nick Friar

When professional sports went on hiatus and collegiate athletics canceled remaining winter events, and some even called off all spring sports, the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) canceled any remaining winter sporting events. As for the spring sports, the MIAA Board of Directors set a target start date of April 27.

The MIAA's target date to start the spring season has now changed.

The MIAA Board of Directors held a conference call regarding the matter on March 30. The 19 members of the board approved a spring season that will begin "no earlier than May 4" (in keeping with the state's scheduled return to school). The MIAA still hopes to hold sectional tournament games with the change, though there may not be 2020 state champions in any sport.

The MIAA Board of Directors is set to vote this week on the proposed date of conclusion — presumably June 27, with June 28 being up for consideration if weather or other factors pose a problem. With the changes, crowning sectional titles seems possible.

"I think it does provide a little more comfort having the legs to go a little further back into June," Old Colony Athletic Director Matt Trahan, also a member of the MIAA Board of Directors. "Because I think if it wasn't (pushed back), I think it would have all been a little more rushed. And I think it provides the kids with the possibility of having a state tournament."

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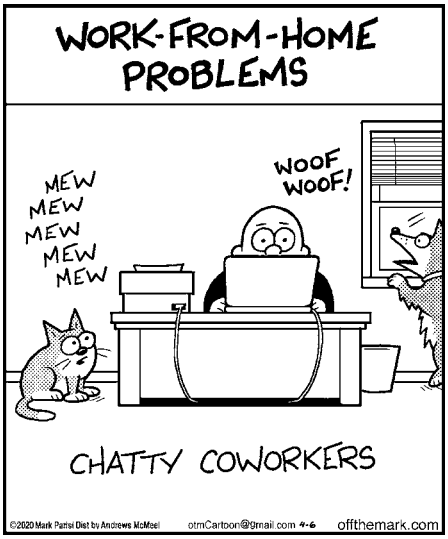

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆

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TODAY'S WORD

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Another change that has been made by the MIAA is the minimum number of games that need to be played in order to qualify for tournament play. The minimum is now eight, and the maximum is 12. With the change, both the Mayflower and the South Coast conferences have made changes to their already abbreviated schedules.

"The SCC has reconfigured all the schedules to fit within the (designated) time frame, with anywhere from an eight to 12 games scheduled, depending on how easy it was to fit those games and cover what we needed," Old Rochester Athletic Director Bill Tilden said. "With the teams that only have eight, (they) can definitely find some other opponents (outside of their conference) to slide in. But some are a little bit trickier than others because we don't have the same number of teams in every sport.

"Not all (SCC schools) have lacrosse and (not) all… have tennis. So (schedules) didn't figure out the same way. But we've already updated the schedules, they are online, they've been given to the assigners so we have officials lined up for all those games. So right now, our plan is that if the governor lets us, we're going to start on May 4 and, you know, rock and roll ASAP."

The Mayflower Conference will take the same approach as the SCC, starting with a schedule of conference games and only scheduling non-league opponents as needed - and if available.

ORR is a member of the SCC and Old Colony is a member of the Mayflower.

Even if school starts back up and the MIAA gives programs the green light to get started, there is still no guarantee all schools will open their doors right away. In those cases, sports would once again be impacted.

"We just want to get some competitions to these kids and get it back to normal - if that's a possibility for us," Tilden said after spending Tuesday morning with fellow staff members cleaning out over 800 student lockers.

Trahan hopes to do everything he can to make sure student-athletes have a chance for some normalcy when school starts back up.

"If (the May 4 start date) got voted down, my thought was we were either going to run scrimmages with other teams or run intramurals. Because, for me, I've got to give the kids something. They need something at this point."

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Sippican Historical Society

Marion (Old Rochester) is one of the oldest towns in the United States, and the Sippican Historical Society maintains an extensive collection of documentation on its historic buildings. In 1998, the Sippican Historical Society commissioned an architectural survey of Marion's historic homes and buildings. Over 100 were cataloged and photographed. SHS will feature one building a week so that the residents of Marion can understand more about its unique historical architecture.

This installment features 260 Front Street, the Foc's'le House. The building at 260 Front Street was built c. 1830 and was at one time occupied by the local stagecoach driver. It had been owned by the Allanach family when it was purchased by Tabor Academy.

Coastline Elderly Nutrition Program

Monday, **April 13**: Chicken l'orange, jasmine rice, Malibu blend, oatmeal bread, Mandarin oranges.
Tuesday, **April 14**: Shepherd's pie, mixed veggies, whole wheat roll, butterscotch pudding, diet: diet pudding.
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Birthday Happenings

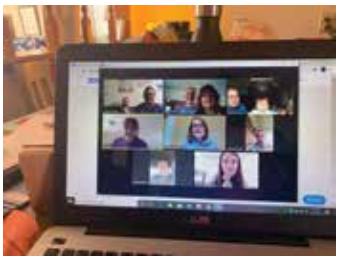
We asked our followers to share their quarantine birthday celebrations with us; here's the overwhelming response. (Sorry we could not fit them all in!)

My birthday was yesterday, the fifth. I did my makeup and had a photo shoot in my room - you only turn 17 once!! - Jaeda Lopes

We celebrated henrys 4th birthday yesterday - Heather O'Neill

Apple Crisp instead of cake, my 62 years - Jane Hathaway

Ellen Scholter



My Mom Barbara Crocker Sullivan! We had a zoom party with family from across the country. - Cheryl Ponte Ellis

Nora Everett turned 12 on March 27 - Vanessa Amaral Everett

My son Carter turned 8 on March 29 - Sarah Sumner

My sweet little boy turned 1 on April 2nd! - Sarah Fahey

Brad Hathaway, 88 years young today, April 5 - Jane Hathaway

My dad will be 80 on April 16! A member of the community since 1984z We are planning a virtual party! Very sad we can't all be together but zoom is the next best thing. - Karen Murray

My daughter turned 10 on April 2nd! - Janelle LaPointe

Deb Tilton Thrun

We celebrated the Big 50 for my husband John with a family trail walk and picnic lunch and a homemade cake after dinner (had to compromise on the candle.) No gifts to open this year. - Dawn Couto DeMaggio

Thank you to everyone for sharing your Photos!

Thursday, **April 16**: Sweet n' sour meatballs, fluffy rice, winter blend, multigrain roll, cinnamon applesauce.
Friday, **April 17**: Stuffed shells with tomato basil sauce, Italian blend, garlic button mushrooms, hot cross bun, banana.

School Lunches Available

Old Rochester Regional is continuing to provide meals for all children, ages 0-18, during school closure. These meals are free and can be found at the following meal site locations: ORR High School, Center School, Sippican Elementary, Rochester Memorial. Meals are available Monday through Friday from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. Meals include free breakfast and lunch for each child.

Marion Beach Parking Lots Temporarily Closed

Town Administrator James McGrail and Health Director Karen Walega announce that, per order by the Marion Board of Health, the Town of Marion is closing all parking lots associated with beach parking as an additional step to encourage social distancing during COVID-19.

This order is effective April 3 and will remain in effect until further notice.

Lots associated with parking at Silvershell Beach, Planting Island and the Beach at Oakdale Avenue will be closed.

The order does not include public parking at Island Wharf and Old Landing.

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More Birthday Happenings!

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Georgia turned 11 at the end of March. - Marti Medeiros

Maeghen Tripp

Randall Beau Randall celebrated his 6th birthday on March 18th and we had to cancel his first birthday party too. - Melissa Kelley

My son turned 8 on March 24th - Kristen Frates

March 25. Turned 5 - Katelyn Whitehead

Had a birthday parade for our big four year old today!! Happy birthday juniper! - Amanda Monson

My daughter Zoey had her 10th birthday on March 17th! We had Birthday Cake math: candles: 5x2=10 (didn't have the exact candles and we were starting homeschooling!) - Diana Boucher

Connor turned 2 on Friday! We were able to FaceTime some of our favorite people to sing happy birthday! - Melissa Rigby

Gabby turned 15 on March 30! - Kimberly Shea Berg

Brunching this morning @Home with my kiddos - Jenn Fincher

Amy Saucier Vieira

from state officials regarding COVID-19 and social distancing efforts. Governor Baker ordered all coastal beach reservation parking areas managed by the Department of Conservation and Recreation to close in order to reduce large numbers of people at the beaches.

Marion officials would like to remind all residents that social distancing guidelines have been extended through the month of April, per federal and state orders. While the Town's beaches remain open and residents are encouraged to get outside for fresh air, it is vitally important for people to stop congregating outside.

Outdoor activities such as walking, running, biking and hiking, with members of the same household, are options for exercise and fresh air that minimize contact and maximize social distancing.

Officials are closely monitoring state and federal guidance regarding the COVID-19 situation and will provide updates as new information becomes available.

Rochester COA

Due to concerns regarding the COVID-19 virus, the Rochester COA will not be serving meals from **April 4** to **19**. Please contact Coastline Elderly Services, Inc. for Home Delivered Meal services if needed at 508-999-6400.

The COA has a limited number of volunteers who can do grocery shopping for you if needed. Limited Medical transportation, for well individuals, is also available through the COA. Leave a message on the COA number at 508-763-8723 and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Helping Sippican Seniors

Sippican School and VASE are working together on a project and need your help to spread happiness to the seniors within our community!

This idea came about when a Sippican parent had reached out, trying to get a campaign off the ground for the residents at the Sippican Health Care Center, as one of her parents had recently been there. She knew first-hand how difficult it was for her elderly parent and wanted to find a way for the children to send cards to cheer up the residents. We reached out and discovered that, unfortunately, due to health concerns, we could not send cards.

Then a light went on! If we can't physically send the cards in, then why not create a slideshow of cards and video messages from the children, families and anyone in the community.

We reached out to ORCTV and they were delighted to get on board and help! With ORCTV on board, we know that we can now reach so many more seniors and community members who are stuck inside and provide them with positive messages! We are asking our students, families, teachers, and community members to send in photos or short video clips that will be edited together to create a video montage. This video montage will be edited and aired by ORCTV, in the hopes that it will bring joy and happiness during this difficult time.

Here is what we need from you...

•Take pictures holding up signs and/or cards with positive and uplifting messages, or you can take a short video sharing some well wishes. Videos should be no more than 1-2 minutes long. (Check out this resource with tips on how to shoot a high-quality video!)

•Upload photos and videos to the shared Google drive, "Photos/Videos for ORCTV Senior Video." (Email Ms. Sebastiao – contact below – for a link to the Google drive)

Submit all photos and videos by Friday, **April 10** by 1:00 pm.

If you have any questions or need help uploading files to the Google Drive, please contact Kathryn Sebastiao at kathrynsebastiao@oldrochester.org.

We can't wait to see the final product and hope

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From Tabor Academy

While the engineering classes that normally fill the Tabor Academy MakerLab have all moved online, the building is still humming with activity. Since mid-March, the space has been taken over by the manufacture of face shields for donation to those who need personal protective equipment (PPE).

With news of a national shortage of PPE in the headlines, faculty members Karl and Susan Kistler knew that they had tools and the know-how to help. They soon began producing a design approved by the National Institutes of Health that involves both 3D-printed and laser-cut components.

They have organized quite a production. In all, volunteers at Tabor have made over 80 completed masks and hundreds of components that will be joined with those from other makerspaces in New England.

When everything is working, 12 3D printers on campus contribute to this effort.

MakerLab coordinator Dr. Karl Kistler notes: "We're lucky. Just before spring break, the Girls Advancing in STEM (GAINS) Club had just finished assembling two new printers for donation to Our Sisters' School in New Bedford. The club members had been working hard to assemble the two 3D printers and organize a time to travel to OSS to present the new printers to the middle school girls and show them how they work. Since the OSS campus is also closed, we've decided to press the two printers into service until they can be donated. In addition, the Marion and Mattapoisett town libraries have loaned us their machines."

A few others on campus have contributed to the PPE effort. A science teacher has set up four of the 3D printers in his dormitory common room and is running production there. Two other faculty families worked in their homes to attach a headband to each finished visor with rubber bands and zip-ties in order to keep the face shield in place. Another teacher will deliver mask components not used locally to a partner makerspace in Brookline for final preparation and distribution to Boston area hospitals. Dr. Kistler said, "As soon as we told the campus what we were doing, people came forward asking how to help."

Susan Kistler has been handling logistics: "We've coordinated with the local Department of Health and have produced masks for the Police and Fire departments in Marion and (for) Wareham Pediatrics, as well as for people who are part of our campus community who

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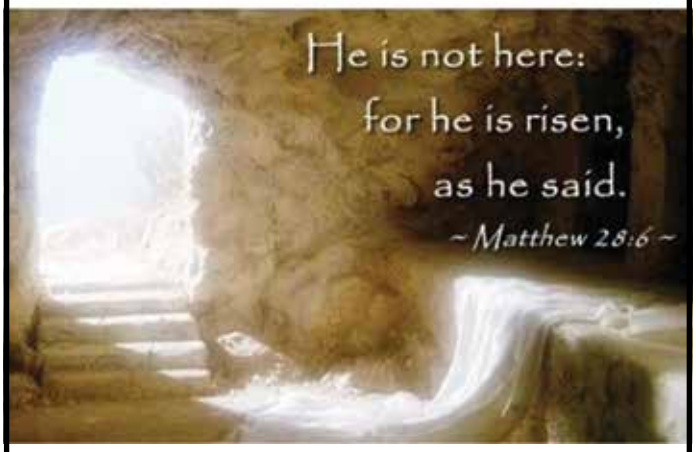

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Brielle Ducharme	April 12
Chloe Gleason	April 12
Connor Hubbard	April 12
Crystal Gleason	April 12
Elizabeth Belanger	April 12
Kenny Wood	April 12
Morgan Roy	April 12
Aimee Hill	April 13
Chloe Lanagan	April 13
Edward Sweeney	April 13
Kathleen Day	April 13
Maurice Mudgie Tavares	April 13
Nicolas Conde	April 13
Richard Langhoff	April 13
Wyatt Cantwell	April 13
Craig Collyer	April 14
Joan Noyer	April 14
Palmeda Daggett	April 14
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Marc Duval	April 15

have a need for the protective equipment. I'm also active with the Massachusetts chapter of Masks for Docs so our overflow goes into their stream for distribution outside our community."

Kerry Saltonstall, Director of Communication said, "The Tabor community is so proud of the Kistlers for organizing such an effort across campus in support of our first responders. Our only disappointment is that our students could not be here to help coordinate the effort and run the production schedule, because this kind of responsive, creative service leadership is right up their alley!"

Here is a link to the design Tabor is making, should you want to get in on the action from home: https://3dprint.nih.gov/discover/3dpx-013359. Also, here is Susan Kistler's email should you want to coordinate distribution of your shields through Tabor's effort: skistler@taboracademy.org.

Mattapoisett Shellfishing Restrictions

The Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries has notified Mattapoisett that shellfish growing in Mattapoisett Harbor no longer meet established criteria for the harvest of shellfish due to seasonal water quality changes. The closure went in effect on April 1, 2020.

The closed area is defined as "Cove East of the Town Landing" in the official notification, and reads, "The waters and flats of that portion of Mattapoisett Harbor, east of the mouth of the river and south of a line drawn from the 'No Shellfishing' sign at the northern mouth of the Mattapoisett

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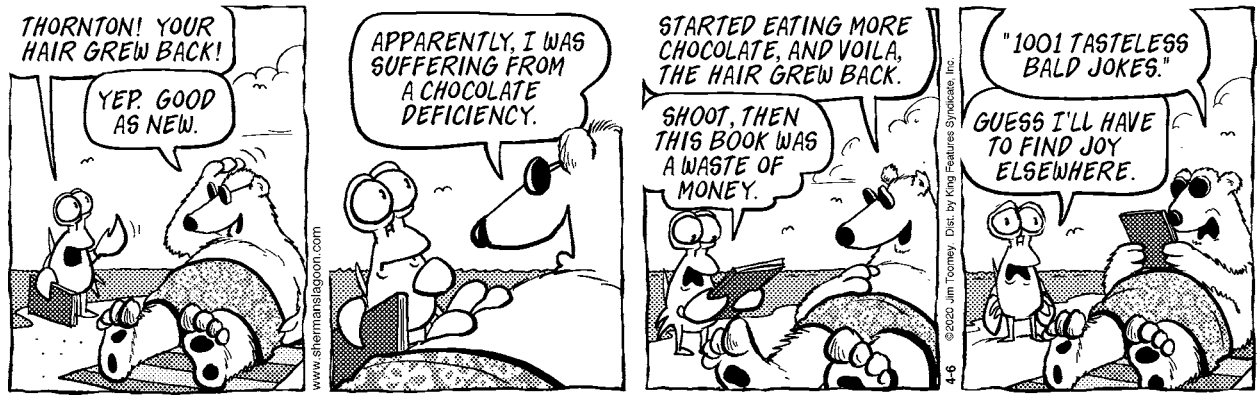

River to the 'No Shellfishing' sign at the eastern entrance to the cove."

The area will remain closed between April 1 and December 31, 2020. On January 1, 2021 the area will revert to open status for shellfishing. For more information contact Kathy Massey, Animal Control and Shellfish Officer at 508-209- 4931.

Marion Art Center

The Marion Art Center is pleased to announce the launch of its new website. For many months the MAC has been working closely with the talented team at Design Principles of Marion to bring its visitors a fresh, interactive, user-friendly experience. See the Marion Art Center as it truly is - a vibrant, growing organization in the SouthCoast community. The MAC expresses its gratitude for the enormous generosity of the donors who made this project possible.

The MAC continues to promote creativity and conversation through a new endeavor called "the Virtual MAC". While the Marion Art Center is closed to the public, you can stay connected through the MAC's social media platforms (Instagram: @marionartcenter and Facebook: www.facebook.com/marionartcenter) and by visiting their new website at www.marionartcenter.org. Through these outlets, the MAC is featuring works of art, interviews, inspirational videos, and links to partner and community organizations. Stay engaged by submitting to the call for entries for an online gallery titled "Living Uncertainty." The call remains open while the MAC is closed to the public, and new entries will be added weekly.

The current national and global situation has left many of us with immediate, unexpected challenges without knowing how to plan for the weeks and months ahead. Many feel isolated or worried about the future. Others are taking time exploring and making art, becoming closer with family, or experimenting in the kitchen - even if out of necessity. How are you coping creatively with this new social structure? How does it change for you day-to-day?

The MAC invites anyone to participate in "Living Uncertainty". All forms of creative expression are welcome - poems or journal entries, visual arts, recipes, music, creative projects, and more. Entries will be featured in a virtual gallery on the MAC's new website at www.marionartcenter.org/virtual-mac. Participants should submit all entries (high-resolution photos when possible) via email with the subject line "Living Uncertainty" to director@marionartcenter.org. Submissions should include information about the artist or creator and include a brief description about the artwork(s) when applicable. Share your ideas to become part of the conversation.

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Kamenidis, Haralampos Vasilakos, Maria I	Barley, Kelly A	14 Melissa Ann Ln	Mattapoisett	03/18/2020	$855,000
Diamond Cut Developmnt	Morse Bros Inc	Bishop Rd	Rochester	03/19/2020	$450,000
Furtado, Tory B Silva, Nathaniel	Murphy, Ryan M Murphy, Brooke A	22 Clarke Ct	Rochester	03/23/2020	$377,000
Diamond Cut Developmnt	Morse Bros Inc	Gerrish Rd #34A	Rochester	03/19/2020	$450,000
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White, William R	Southcoast Redevelopmnt	298 New Bedford Rd	Rochester	03/19/2020	$650,000
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Friday	April 10	10:33	10:59	4:12	4:05
Saturday	April 11	11:26	11:53	5:00	4:48
Sunday	April 12		12:22	5:48	5:33
Monday	April 13	12:50	1:19	6:47	6:24
Tuesday	April 14	1:49	2:18	8:41	7:33
Wednesday	April 15	2:50	3:18	10:04	9:51
Thursday	April 16	3:53	4:22	10:59	11:04
Friday	April 17	4:58	5:23	11:36	11:45
Saturday	April 18	5:55	6:16		12:02
Sunday	April 19	6:41	7:00	12:19	12:26
Monday	April 20	7:21	7:37	12:52	12:53
Tuesday	April 21	7:56	8:12	1:28	1:25
Wednesday	April 22	8:30	8:44	2:06	1:58
Thursday	April 23	9:04	9:16	2:45	2:33
Friday	April 24	9:39	9:48	3:23	3:08
Saturday	April 25	10:16	10:24	3:58	3:43
Sunday	April 26	10:57	11:04	4:31	4:18

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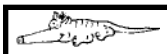

I Found the Aardvark!

Each week, hidden somewhere in the pages of *The Wanderer* is a tiny drawing of an aardvark. The little guy you are looking for looks exactly like the one pictured above (but don't put down this page as your answer, there's another one hidden somewhere in this issue).

Once you find the aardvark you can submit your answer online and if you are right you will get Aardvark Points! You can then use these points to get cool Aardvark Prizes!

To enter visit: www.wanderer.com and Click on *I Found the Aardvark*

In the April 2, 2020 edition the Aardvark was on page 37!

PUZZLE ANSWERS

CROSSWORD SOLUTION

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SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Swear; 2. Punish; 3. Ardent; 4. Glean

Today's Word

EARNING

Sudoku Answer

8	6	4	3	7	1	5	2	9
3	1	9	5	2	6	4	8	7
2	5	7	8	4	9	1	3	6
1	3	8	6	9	2	7	4	5
7	9	5	1	3	4	8	6	2
6	4	2	7	8	5	9	1	3
5	7	1	4	6	3	2	9	8
4	2	6	9	5	8	3	7	1
9	8	3	2	1	7	6	5	4

off the mark by Mark Parisi

Friends' marketplace

at PLUMB CORNER

SALE EFFECTIVE:
Friday, April 10 – Thursday, April 16, 2020

565 Rounseville Road • Rochester, MA 02770
Phone: 508.763.5333

Open Daily: 7am–9pm

Due to the current environment and uncertainty of availability, some meat & produce items may not be available. Thank you for understanding.

Grocery & Bakery

18 oz. Original
General Mills Cheerios Cereal $3.99

64 oz. Selected
Food Club 100% Apple Juice ..... 2/$4

20 oz. Original
Betty Crocker Bisquick
$2.39

9-16 oz. Oyster or Original
Nabisco Saltines Crackers ..... 2/$6

7-8 oz. Selected Kettle Cooked
Lay's Potato Chips ..... 2/$5

Fresh Store Baked
22 oz. Pkg.
Apple Pie $4.99

Fresh Store Baked
Blueberry Raspberry, or Apple
Turnovers ..... $1.49 ea.

Superior Quality Produce

1 lb. Pkg.
Strawberries $3.99

Fresh, Ripe
Pineapples ..... $2.99 ea.

Juicy
Anjou Pears ..... $1.49 lb.

Tender
Asparagus ..... $2.49 lb.

Great for Green Bean Casserole
Green Beans ..... $1.99 lb.

Dear friends & customers,

To stay posted on the latest information about store hours, product availability or to simply receive a cheerful update to brighten your day, we have created a new

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Facebook page for the store!

Please "Like" and "Follow"...

Friends Marketplace–Plumb Corner

You may Direct Message the page for your request for

Curbside Pickup

We are here for you and are honored to serve you during this unprecedented time.

– The Friends' Marketplace at Plumb Corner Team

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EASTER SAVINGS!

Triple M
Bone-In (Budaball or Spiral Cut)
Half Ham
$3.99 lb.

Friends'
In-Store Baked
Ham
$7.99 lb.

Newman's Own
59 oz. Selected (Excludes Organics)
Drinks
2/$5

Talenti
16 oz. Selected Sorbetto or
Gelato
$3.99

Jack's Abby
12 oz. Cans House Ale
15 Pack
$16.99 Plus Dep.

Quality Meats & Deli

American, Boneless
Selected Sizes
Lamb Leg Roast
$11.49 lb.

Friends'
Premium Black Angus
Top Sirloin
Spoon Roast
$7.99 lb.

Triple M
3.5 lb. Avg.
Boneless Ham
$4.49 lb.

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